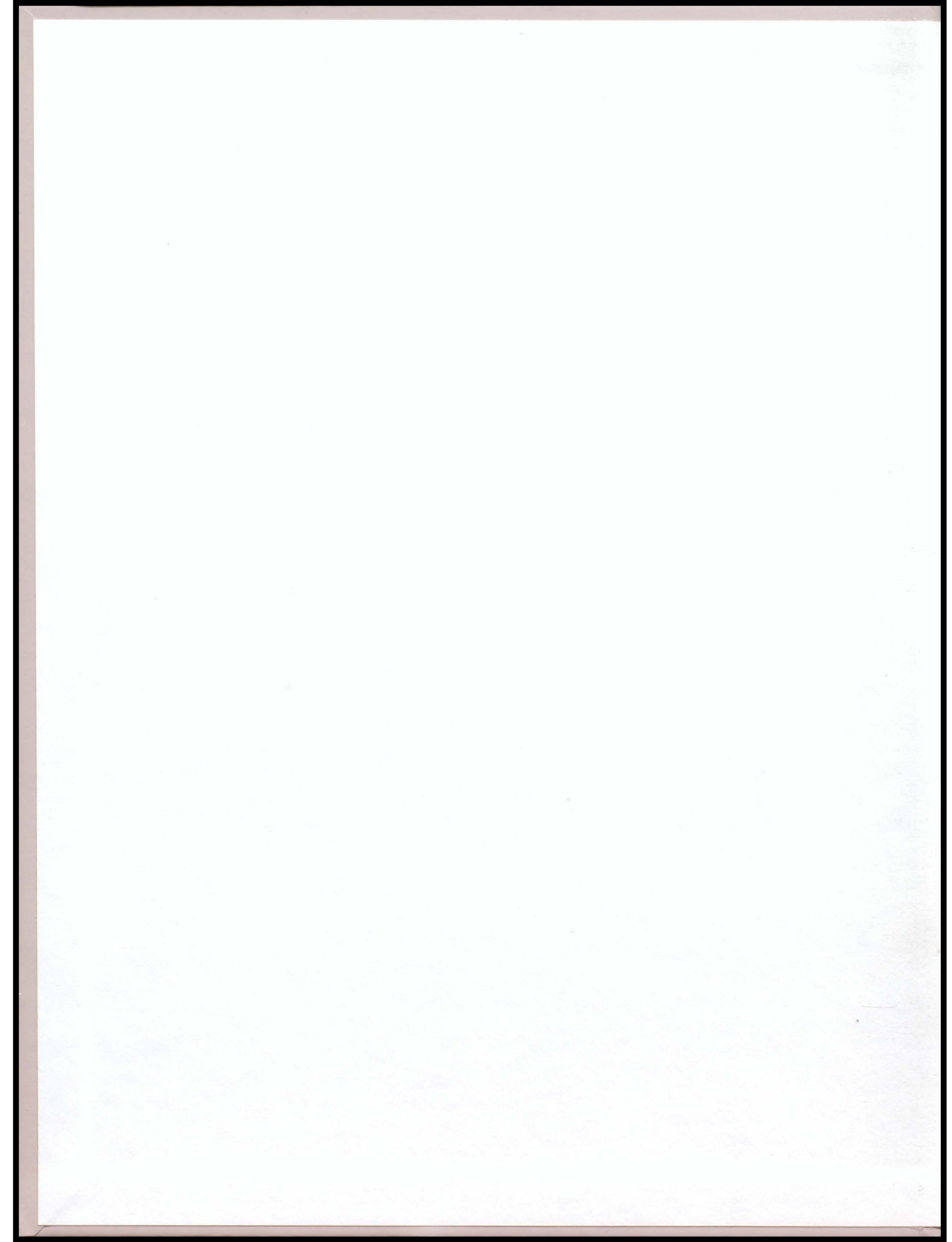


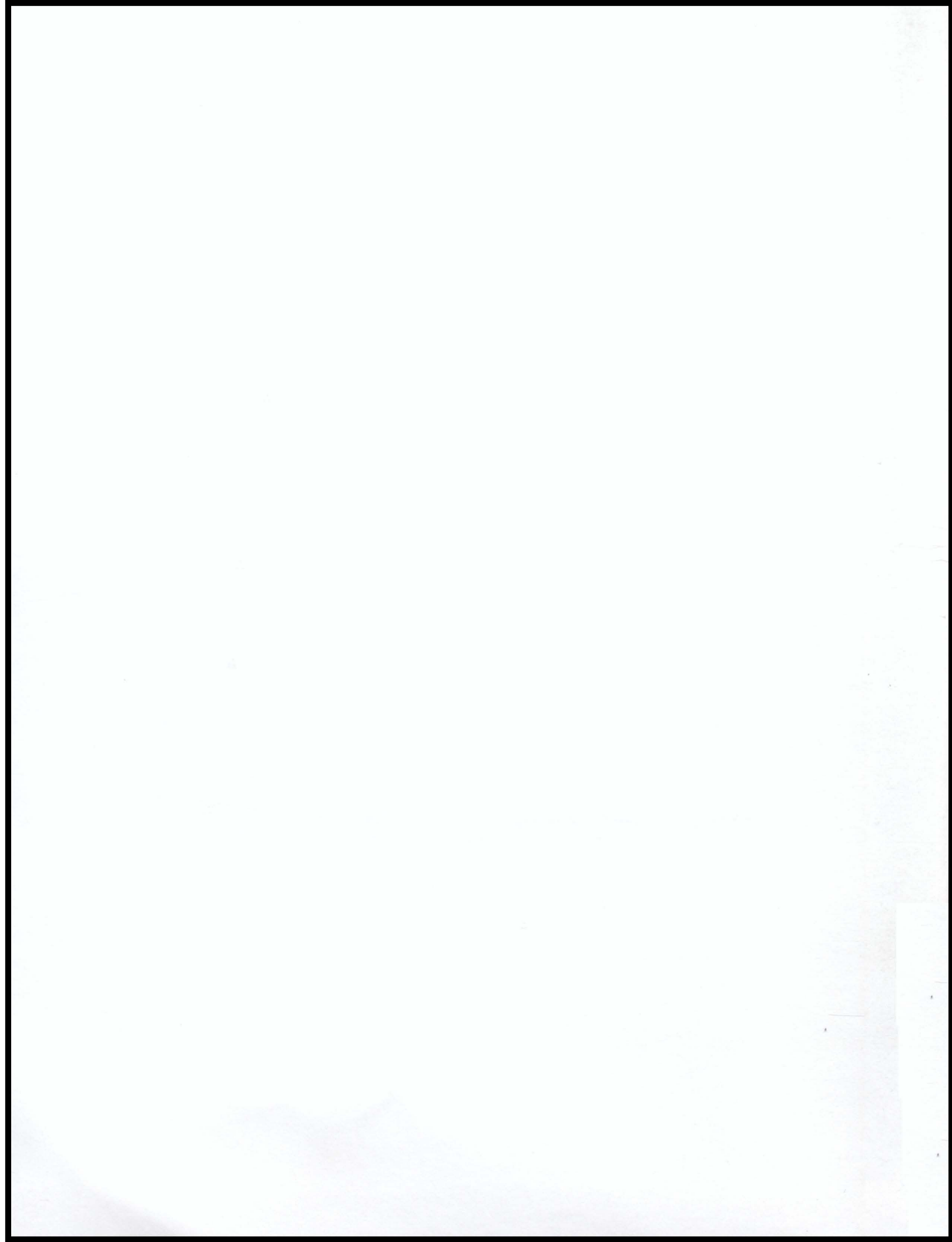
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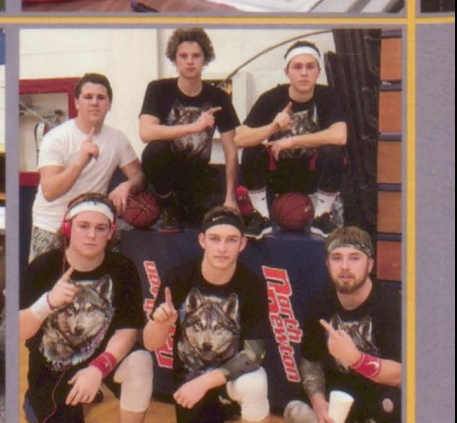
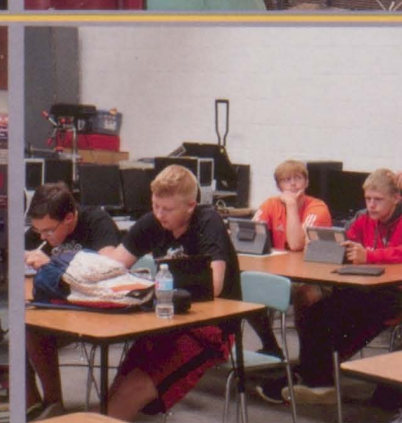
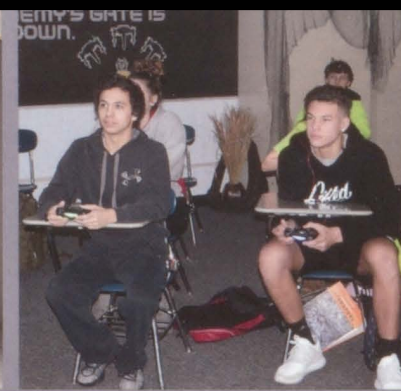
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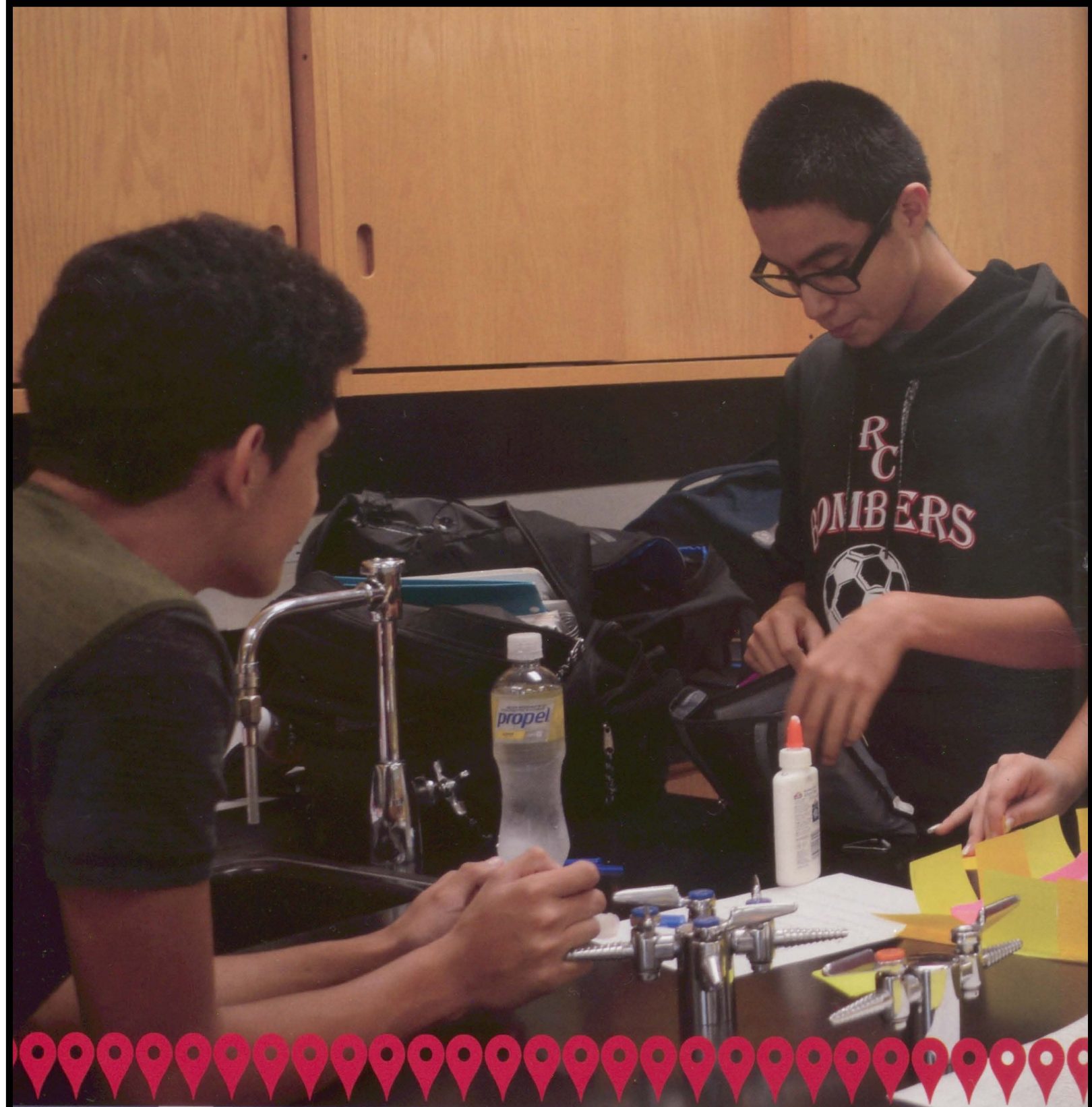




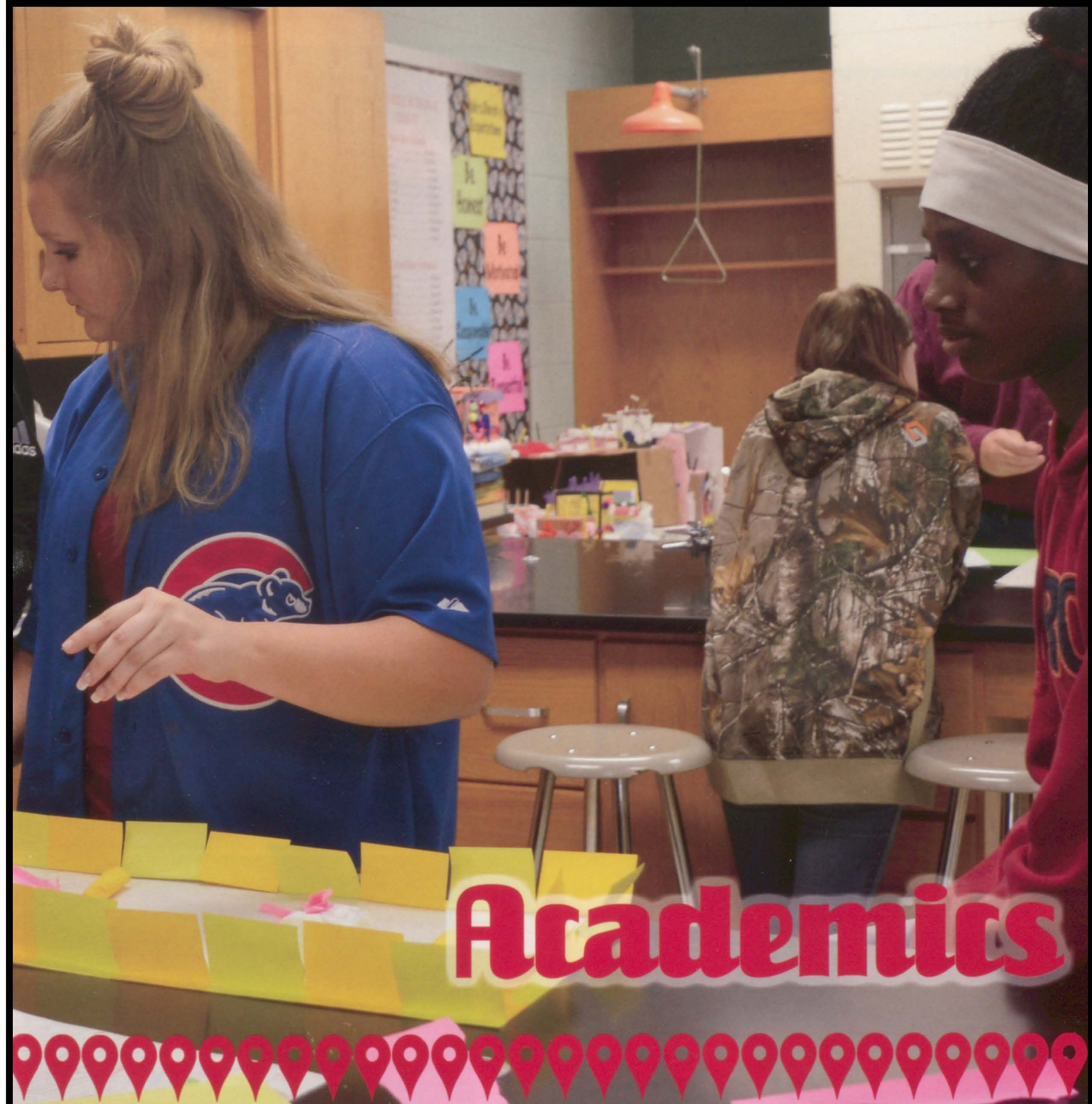
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### **Academic Highlights for 2016-2017**

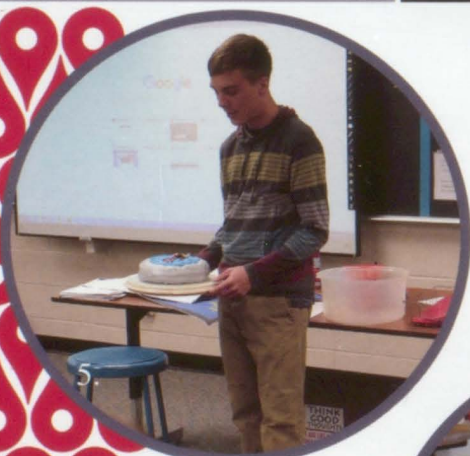
- 📍 Colin Stanley, Mayra Rodriguez, and Abby Kozyra placed 3rd and Lily Martin, J.T. Feagans, and Sydney Bement placed 2nd in the SJC Math Challenge.
- 📍 Indiana's Poet Laureate Sheri Wagner spoke to Mr. Sell's poetry class.
- 📍 The Bomber Brigade advanced to ISSMA State Finals.
- 📍 RCHS choirs performed at the Indiana Bicentennial celebration at the courthouse.



# English

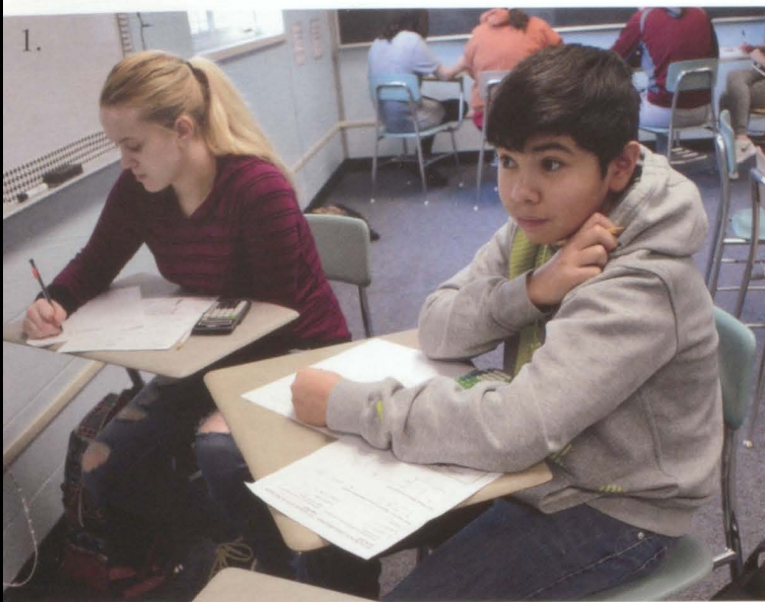


English is one of the core classes at RCHS. The English department welcomed two new teachers this year, Mrs. Gillenwater and Mrs. Radtke, who both teach freshmen and seniors. The skills learned in English classes are some of the most important students will learn in high school. From the infamous research papers in Mr. Sell's senior honors class to the legendary Gatsby parties in Mrs. Schneider's junior class, English has some of the most challenging and fun things for students.

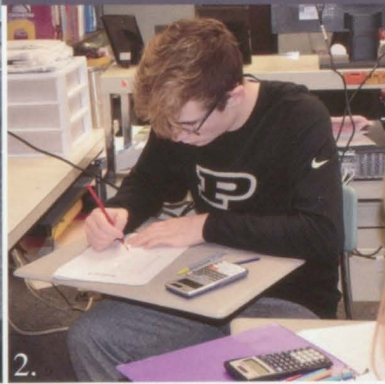


1) **Jacob Trammel** and **Luke Mattocks** read *Macbeth*. 2) Juniors listen to **Mr. Sell** lecture. 3) **Gabe Davis**, **Kelsie Floyd**, and **Sydney Potts** enjoy the PS4 for a horse racing unit in sophomore English. 4) **Dawnn Heilman**, **Chloe Brunton**, **Conlan Oatey**, and **John Clay Anderson** party 1920s style. 5) **Parker Kingman** presents a cake for his project. 6) **Alexis Galvan**, **Mackenzie Prater**, and **Aiyana Morrow** read *To Kill a Mockingbird*. 7) Juniors **Taryn Johns** and **Autumn Williams** enjoy their class time.

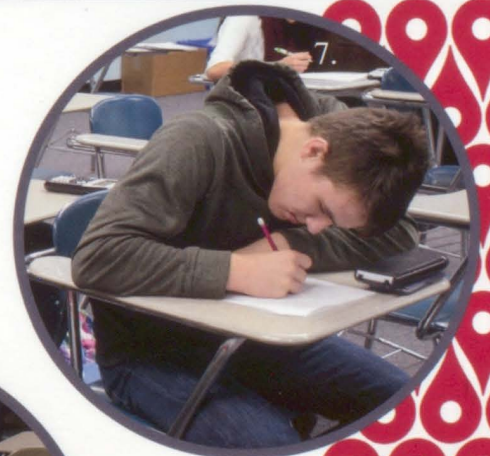




# Math



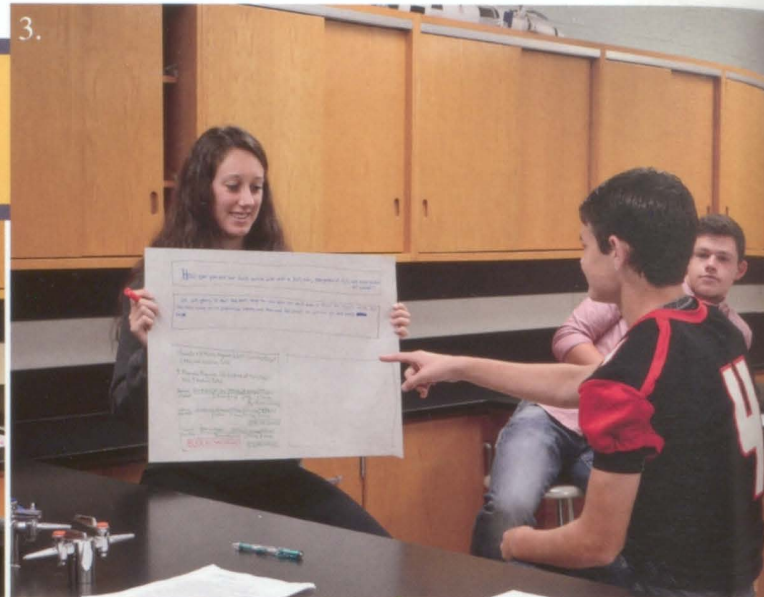
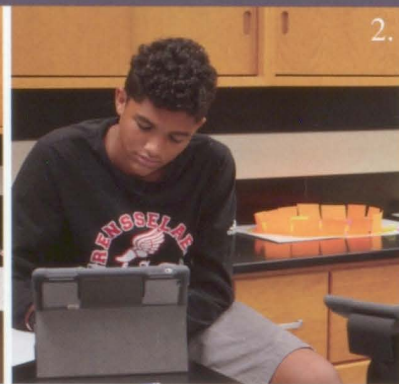
Math is one of the more challenging subjects for many students at RCHS. Math courses at the high school range all the way from Algebra I to Advanced Placement Calculus. Math is an important subject that teaches students to think analytically and how to use problem solving skills throughout their lives. The teachers in the math department, Mr. Stevens, Mrs. Henady, Mr. Tinich, and Mrs. Cook ensure students learn the skills they will need later on in life.



- 1) Sophomores **Jessey Roberts** and **Juan Pantoja** work at a station in geometry.
- 2) **Brayden Wright** studies for a test. 3) Junior **Jaci Engleking** does homework in calculus.
- 4) **Mr. Tinich** helps **Bailey Klawitter**, **Alexis Osman**, and **Courtnee Lloyd** with their classwork in his geometry class. 5) **Mrs. Henady** lectures her Algebra II class. 6) **Mary Grace Heinig** works on her Algebra classwork.
- 7) Junior **Colin Stanley** finishes his calculus homework.



# Science



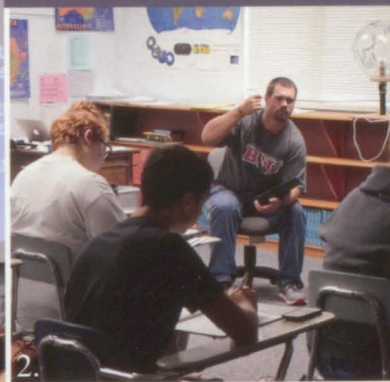
This year at RCHS, students have been working extremely hard in their science classes. Rensselaer offers a variety of science classes including biology, chemistry, and physics. Most students' favorite thing to do in their science classes are the hands on labs, such as the color changing flame lab. Because of all the fun projects and experiments these students do, we have to thank our science teachers Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Church, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Dobson for putting all these labs together.



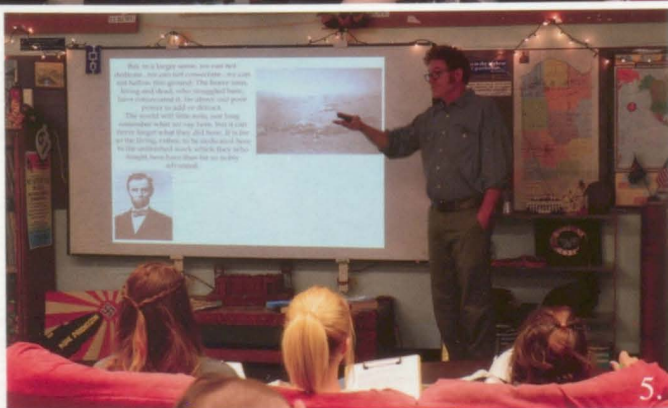
- 1) Seniors **Ricky Shupe** and **Evan Brandenburg** work on a lab evaluation together.
- 2) **Eli Kosiba** uses the school iPad as a great way to record data.
- 3) **Ava Jackson** presents her AP biology project to **Blake Kenworthy** and **Ryne Webb**.
- 4) Mrs. Miller's class is fully focused on the lesson.
- 5) **Tayanna Reid** works on her anatomy assignment.
- 6) **Megan Massoels** prepares for her AP Biology test.
- 7) Sophomore **Hayly Manns** works to change the color of the flame in her chemistry lab.



# History



The history program at RCHS is among the favorites of many students. Mr. Hawthorne's world history class is famous for the projects that students complete, including world cuisines, music, and art. Mr. Marlow's U.S. government class is known for the impassioned debates students have. Meanwhile, Mr. Shupryt's geography class keeps students informed about the entire world. The history department offers some of the most memorable experiences at RCHS.



1) Junior **Cameron Manns** gives a presentation in Mr. Hawthorne's class. 2) **Mr. Shupryt** lectures his geography class. 3) **Kayla Tryon** and **Joddi Zook** take notes on U.S. history. 4) **Jacob Magruder**, **Lily Steinke**, **Hannah Ritchie**, **Breeann Walker**, and **Clayton Moore** listen closely in class. 5) **Mr. Hawthorne** teaches the "Gettysburg Address" to his junior history class. 6) Mr. Marlow's class is **Pedro Hernandez's** favorite. 7) **Dosha Elliott** watches a classmate's presentation on the Civil War.

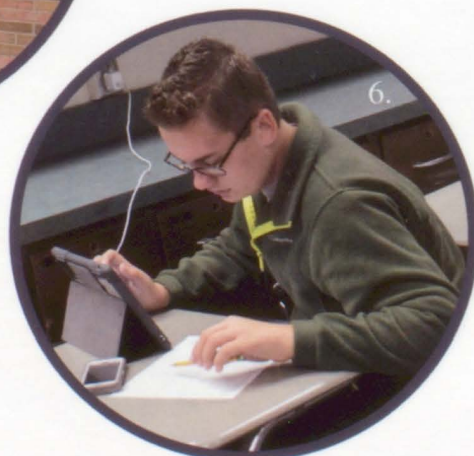




# Spanish



Students at our school have the opportunity to learn a second language. When students take Spanish, they are introduced to different cultures as well as the language. Spanish provides students with opportunities during high school, in college, and throughout their lives. Señora Kalbaugh joined Señora Benner in the Spanish Department this year. These instructors collaborate to provide students with a well-rounded language program. ¡Trata una clase de Español hoy!



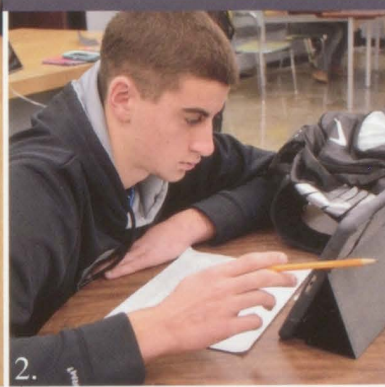
1) Ben Hillan presents his project on Pancho Villa. 2) David Warran, Shawn Hofferth, and Anna McCallister work on an assignment. 3) Parker Jordan, Tanner Morey, and Preston Tanner review flashcards before a test. 4) Micah Moore, Camden Chapman, Jacob Hillan, and Brittney Galey celebrate Día de los Muertos. 5) Jenny Guerrero and Conlan Oatey learn to tango. 6) Jared Valentine completes his classwork. 7) Madyson Witt and Sydney VanMeter enjoy cultural foods.



# Art



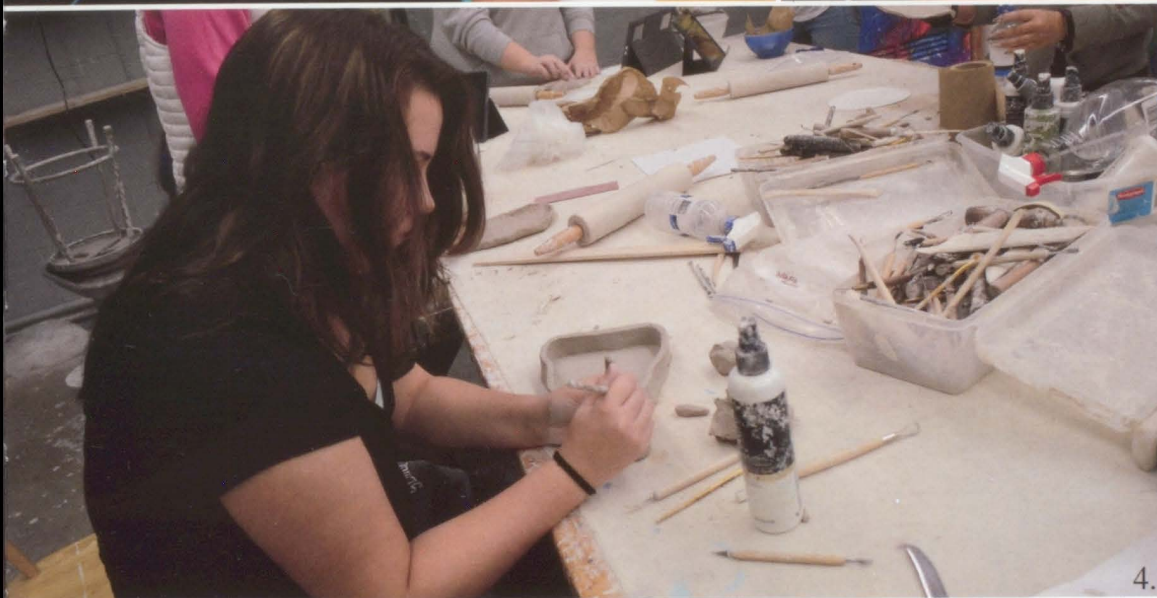
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Picasso once said, "The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls." Students at RCHS are given the opportunity to flourish to their fullest potential with the guidance of hands-on creativity. This school year offered a variety of new art classes such as painting, jewelry, ceramics, and drawing. Art encourages free thinking, curiosity, patience, and helps develop independence. These are all exceptionally valuable skills for any career students pursue after RCHS.



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- 1) Abby Rascoe is enthusiastic about sketching her upcoming project, Mayra Rodriguez ponders about colors for her art journal, and Sarah Walter is deeply engaged in painting.
- 2) Cody Walter focuses on details of a drawing.
- 3) Mrs. Spurgeon suggests tips for Carly DeWees.
- 4) Heaven Bookwalter experiments with molding techniques.
- 5) Madyson Richie and Kaitlynn Brown manipulate their slabs of clay.
- 6) Kelsy Spurgeon really enjoys art class.
- 7) Emily Anderson creates an ideal paint color.



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# Choir

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At RCHS, there are a variety of choral classes to take. Students can choose from mixed choir, treble choir, or show choir. Mrs. Davisson teaches students from sixth to twelfth grade. Students enjoy taking choir because it helps them express their feelings through singing. Each year, the RCHS choir students perform at ISSMA. This year was a huge success with many students bringing home golds. The choral department has had a great year, and we can't wait to see what's next.

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1) **Sarah Powers** and **Parker Jordan** sing a duet at the Christmas concert. 2) A small ensemble of treble choir girls sing "Unsteady." 3) **Roman Villegas** and **Ethan Riegle** have a laugh before a performance. 4) The treble choir performs "Aurora Borealis." 5) **Brienna Henry** and **Beth McCallister** warm up before practice. 6) The show choir sings and dances to a song they choreographed themselves. 7) The mixed choir practices voice warm ups to increase their projection and pronunciation of vowels.



# Band



4. The RCHS band was very successful overall in their endeavors this year. When RCHS students take band, they learn to cite read music and play an instrument fit to their liking. Playing an instrument is a unique way for students to express themselves and share their emotions. The RCHS band went to ISSMA and earned the highest rating for cite reading and performing. All of the participating students went home with golds. RCHS can't wait to see what the band continues to do.

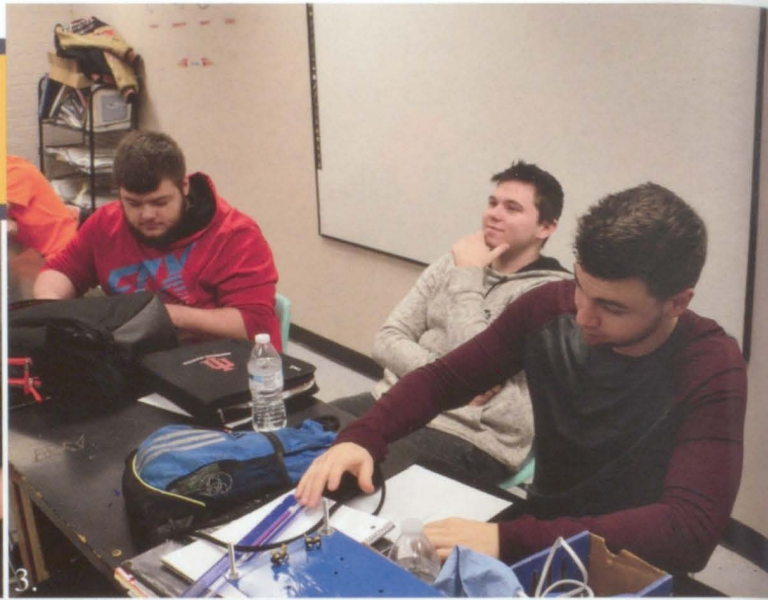


1) **Samantha Williams, Piper Sell, and Alexis Brouwer** play during a football game. 2) Seniors **Joseph Kruczek and Zeke Gastineau** play in the pit. 3) Freshman **Mary Grace Heinig** practices her solo piece, "Adagio," for ISSMA. 4) The RCHS percussion line plays trashcans during halftime. 5) Sophomores **Morgan Wisley and Makenzi Fisher** play their instruments. 6) **Shawna Philpot** directs the RCHS band during a performance. 7) Sophomore **Braden Brunton** plays a drum and a gong.





# Auto



Auto class teaches students everything from creating circuit boards to being able to identify parts and repair cars. The teacher, Mr. Brown, is the best mentor to teach students about electrical and car components. Other schools even send their students to RCHS to take his classes. Students who take auto are usually preparing for a career in the automotive field. Taking auto in high school is an excellent first step toward this goal and prepares students for college and a career later in life.



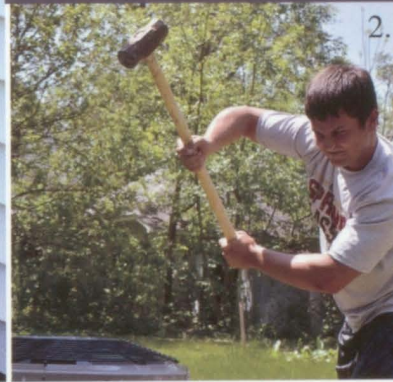
- 1) **Jordan Arnett** drills into a sheet of metal.
- 2) Junior **Logan Smart** removes a broken taillight.
- 3) Seniors **Hunter Warren**, **Levi Kukosh**, and **Jordan Arnett** ponder ideas about the circuit board design they will create.
- 4) **Matt Coffey** inspects his circuit board and secures all of the loose wires.
- 5) Senior **Jesse Lichte** checks the engine of an F150.
- 6) **Ryan Ritter** adds wires to his circuit board.
- 7) **Kevin Bracht** and **Ian Fitch** check to see if the replacement battery is attached properly.



# Building Trades



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Throughout the year, trades students worked together to finish building a house. Instructed by Mr. Goad, each student took part in building this house step by step from where last year's classes left off. One big project the class had to tackle was hanging drywall. They also added multiple coats of paint to the walls, installed windows, and secured the lighting fixtures onto the ceiling. Mr. Goad teaches his students the skills necessary to work on their own houses without the need to hire outside help.



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1) **Zach Nelson** trims the hedge outside of the building trades house. 2) Senior **Luke Branson** attempts to "fix" the AC unit. 3) **Bryce Kingman** holds the ladder while **Brannon Wilmington** changes a light bulb. 4) Seniors **Kobe Austin, Brannon Wilmington** and **Cody Goodman** hang drywall under a window fixture. 5) The completed building trades house. 6) Senior **Bryce Kingman** cuts a piece of trim for the side of a door frame. 7) **Kobe Austin** cleans a window after installing it.



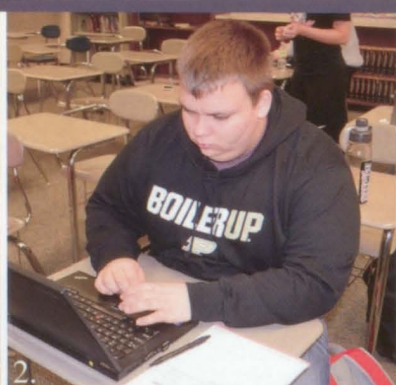
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# Chaos



The Chaos Mass Media Y course produces this yearbook and the monthly issues of our school paper, *The Rensselaerian*. Chaos staff members are involved in all aspects of RCHS in order to provide you with the stories, pictures, and memories of high school. Editors Hannah Hall and Meredith Lucero along with 11 other staff members work tirelessly attending games, events, classes, and conducting interviews to bring the news to you while

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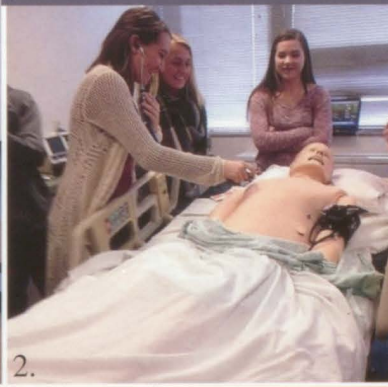
1) **Austin Becker** and **Mark Garrity** properly enjoy their breakfast during a deadline celebration party. 2) Business Manager, **Tommy Gutwein**, works on his ad pages. 3) Zombie adviser **Mrs. Schneider** has a blast at the Sunshine dance with her students. 4) Chaos members jump for joy on their field trip to Valpo University. 5) Seniors **KT Kem** and **Dakota Jones** pass the time on a long bus ride. 6) Sports Editor **Jacob Hall** giggles at his Christmas gift from a fellow Chaos classmate. 7) The 2016-2017 Yearbook staff



# Health Careers



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For students interested in the healthcare field, one of the most useful courses to take at RCHS is the Health Careers class. Students are exposed to a variety of different fields of medicine. They travel to Franciscan Health Rensselaer and the Rensselaer Care Center. They job shadow medical professionals and observe various procedures. They also have the opportunity to work with Alzheimer's patients at the Care Center. Good luck to these students as they further explore the medical field.



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1) **Megan Massoels** teaches **Mr. Jones** how to properly take off gloves. 2) **Lexie Wuethrich**, **Jessy Kuiper**, and **Amy Zieba** practice with a simulated mannequin. 3) **Megan Massoels** works with a speech therapist. 4) The class presents their service project blankets to the hospital. 5) The class learns the value of teamwork through a human knot. 6) **Rebeka McCafferty** observes an RT performing an EKG. 7) **Maddie Augustine** practices using an otoscope with an ER nurse.



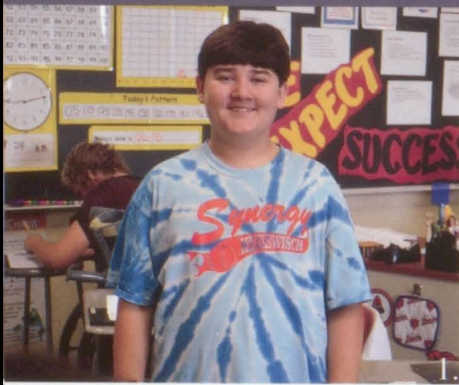
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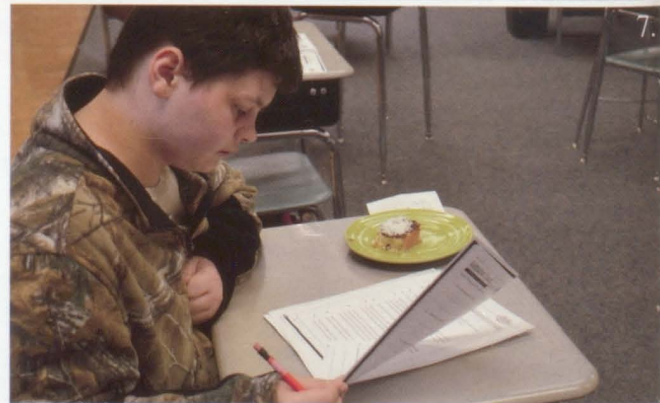
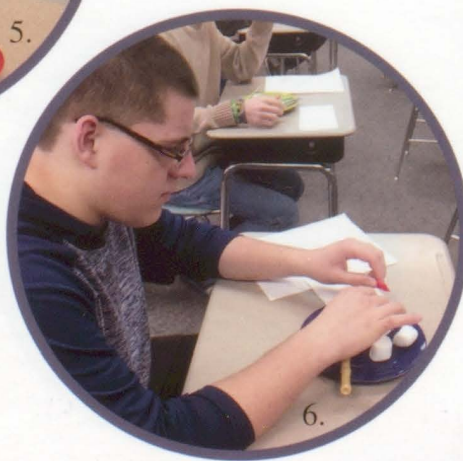
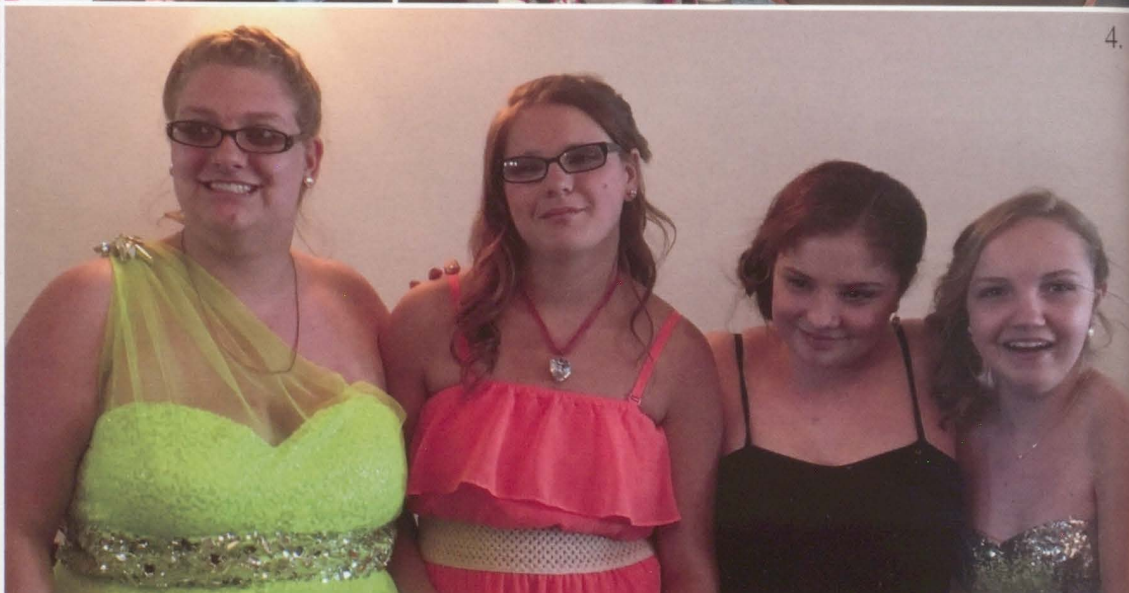
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# Life Skills



In Mrs. Kurdelak's Life Skills class, she and a few instructional aides give her students a broad range of knowledge and skills. Mrs. Kurdelak's students are taught life skills, social skills, and academic lessons. There is a mini fridge and washer and dryer in Mrs. Kurdelak's classroom; this creates opportunities for her students to prepare for life after high school. Students practice cooking, cleaning dishes, washing and drying clothes, and other tasks they will need after school.



1) **Raymond Peda** smiles because he is excited for class. 2) **Ashley Blystone** and **Zack Manns** make a cell out of food. 3) **Abby Pinkerman** and **Mark Cates** show off the cake they made and decorated. 4) **Ashley Blystone**, **Caitlin Snyder**, **Natalie Moody**, and **Abby Pinkerman** have fun with friends at a Prom in Lowell. 5) **Tyana Stone** gets ready to eat her cupcake. 6) Senior **Robert Berg** decorates a food snowman. 7) **Zack Manns** looks over his homework before he turns it in.



# Ed. Professions



The students involved with the education professions program have a passion for working with children. This group of students goes to the primary school everyday to assist the teachers and learn as much as they can about teaching. While the students are there, they help with anything from arts and crafts to math equations. Hopefully some day in the future these students will have classrooms of their own.



1) **Blair Standish** reads to a group of students about honeybees. 2) **Hanna McNeal** makes sure none of the kids eat the glue. 3) Junior **Hayley Cox** teaches preschool students about different geometric shapes. 4) **Alyssa Sheets** peels an orange for a hungry young Bomber during lunchtime. 5) **Gina Giramonti** helps a student with a class project. 6) Junior **Joddi Zook** helps a student with her addition classwork. 7) Senior **Christina Ziese** helps with any technology issues the students encounter.









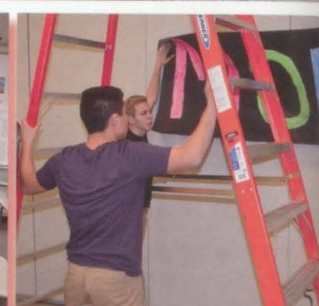
# Student Life

## Student Life Highlights for 2015-2017

- 📍 Kelsy Spurgeon was crowned Homecoming Queen.
- 📍 Trenton McAdow was awarded the title of Mr. Bomber.
- 📍 Dakota Jones won Sunshine Queen and Hannah Hall, Daphne Dobson, and Kelsie Wuethrich won Sunshine princesses.
- 📍 Ben Hillan - Prom King, Regan Rodibaugh - Prom Queen, Ben Korniak - Prom Prince, and Hailey Henry - Prom Princess.



1) The sophomore class and their winning Homecoming float. 2) **Braden Dobson** awards the Grand Marshal for the year. 3) The senior Powderpuff team huddles up. 4) President **Ava Jackson** talks to members. 5) **Jerrett Nagel** and **Joe Rule** set up for MORP. 6) Homecoming Queen **Kelsy Spurgeon** and her escort **De'Shawn Warren**. 7) Students enjoy MORP. 8) **Hannah Hall** and **Mackenzie Flanigan** at Powderpuff. 9) **Hailey Henry** and **JT Feagans** sell tickets.



# Student Council

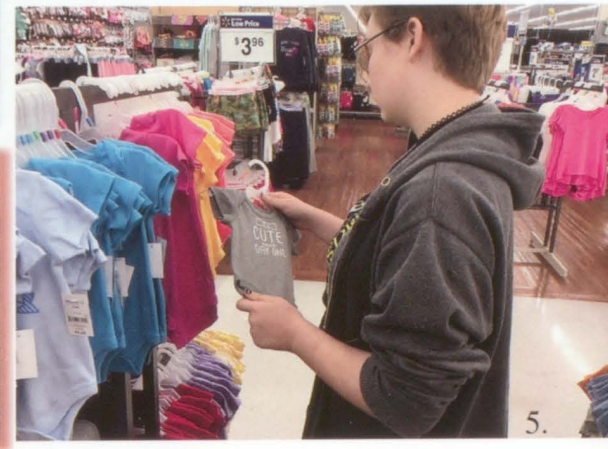
This year's Student Council members went above and beyond in efforts to achieve their goals. The members of this organization are active during the year to make sure student affairs are dealt with and simply to spread school spirit throughout the high school. Under the guidance of Mrs. Hege and Mrs. Cook, the Student Council members put on a number of events such as the MORP dance, Powderpuff, and Homecoming week. Throughout the year, the four officers, Ava Jackson - president, Braden Dobson - vice president, Addison Trapp - secretary, and Jacob Hall - treasurer lead members throughout their numerous events. The Student Council is also responsible for putting on the field day to reduce stress and get students ready to take difficult final exams at the end of the year.







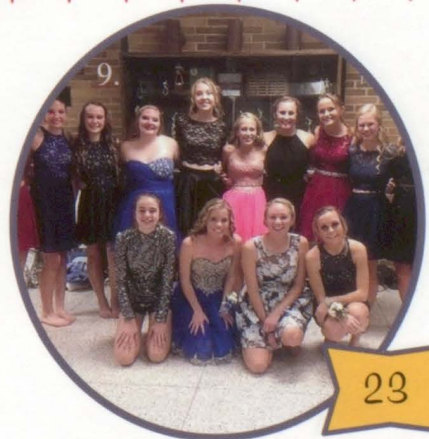
1) Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Schneider conduct a meeting. 2) Students jam at the dance. 3) Lexie Wuethrich enjoys spending time at the Care Center Prom. 4) Sunshine girls and their dates strike a pose. 5) Hope Adams shops for gifts for the Angel Tree. 6) Members gather for a meeting. 7) The 2016-2017 Sunshine Court. 8) Amy Zieba and Lexie Wuethrich receive a certificate on behalf of Sunshine. 9) Society members gather for a picture at the dance.



# Sunshine Society

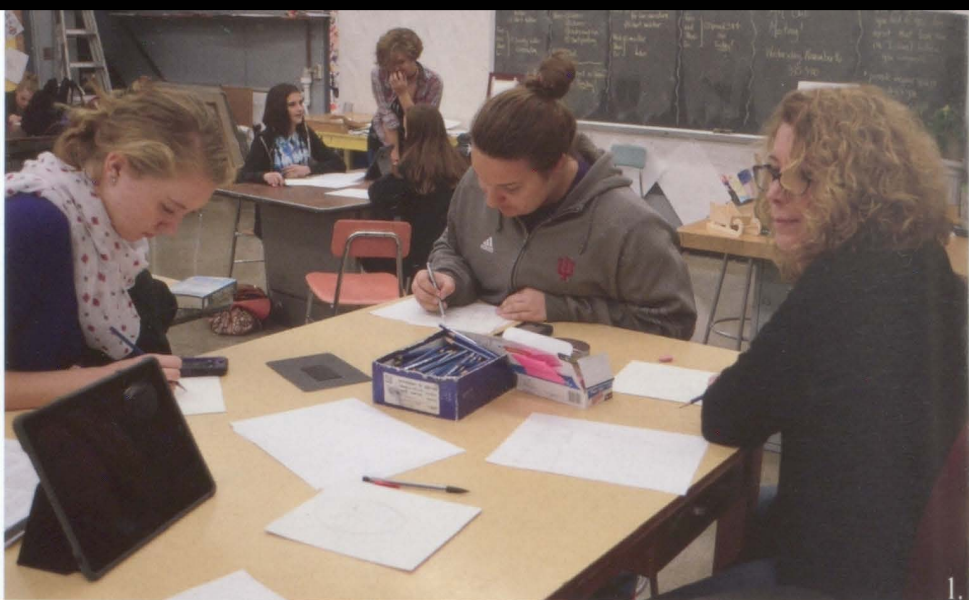


"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves," - James M. Barrie. The Sunshine Society's goals are not just the planning of the annual dance, but rather to brighten the Rensselaer community. This year, the Sunshine girls held a mother/daughter luncheon, donated books during the holidays to every student at the Primary School and Van, provided gifts to four local children from the Angel Tree, and volunteered at the Care Center Prom. Society members also fundraised and decorated for the annual Sunshine Dance, "A Night of Fright," which was held during Halloween weekend. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Schneider are the sponsors for the Sunshine Society. Rensselaer Central High School and our small town community are thankful for these dedicated girls and their service.





- 1) Students focus on drawing while **Mrs. Spurgeon** takes a break to evaluate her work.
- 2) Art club members relax while working with clay.
- 3) Students gather for a meeting before they begin their projects.
- 4) **Anna Hase** gets advice on her project.
- 5) **Kaya Zak-Wachter** enjoys spending time with her peers.
- 6) The girls practice sketching.
- 7) **Piper Sell** and **Jordan Adams** start shaping their clay hearts.
- 8) **Jenna Rule** receives instruction.
- 9) **Hope Adams** finishes her self-portrait.



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# Art Club

"If you hear a voice within you say 'you can not paint,' then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced,"- Vincent Van Gogh. The 2016-2017 RCHS Art Club produced some beautiful pieces. Students dedicate their leisure time to freely express themselves. Art Club is a relaxed environment for students to heighten their creativity outside of the classroom. Art Club unifies diverse ages of classmates to create deep friendships and build support for one another. To further enhance imagination, peers offer each other critiques. Art unlocks the minds of our youthful students, helping them to become more receptive and independent thinkers. The club is also a positive outlet for some to alleviate everyday stressors in their life. RCHS is extremely fortunate to have the privilege to experience the arts.



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1) FFA members **Gracie VanWienen** and **Jarred Stone** help with the Homecoming dinner. 2) **Lily Steinke** prepares desserts. 3) **Austin Becker** and **Graham Balvich** take a break. 4) **Bailey Craig** accepts an award. 5) 2016 FFA officers with advisor. 6) The Wolfpack holds up the golden tire after winning the basketball game. 7) Students enjoy looking at animals. 8) FFA members serve a meal. 9) **Kelsey Phillips** and **Blair Standish** bring food for the dinner.



# FFA

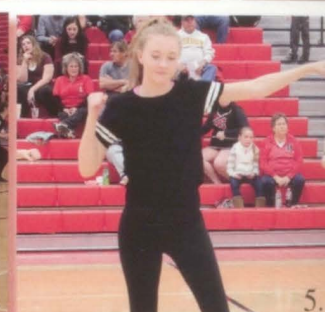


FFA is the largest youth organization in the world. Members of the RCHS FFA chapter take part in many activities from livestock and soil judging to driving tractors to school during National FFA Week in February. During FFA Week, the students participate in dress up days, host an annual livestock judging contest, show kids from the primary school around the petting zoo, and serve breakfast to the teachers during the faculty breakfast. The FFA at RCHS is extremely successful in judging competitions. The soil judging team attends the national soil judging competition in Oklahoma. Agriculture classes are also part of FFA. Mr. Wamsley teaches many ag classes including: intro to ag, animal science, ag business, advanced life science, and ag mechanics. FFA helps prepare students for a career in agriculture.





1) The members of the dance team perform a routine at a basketball game. 2) Three of the girls demonstrate their dance moves. 3) The girls take a picture after a successful performance. 4) The team shimmies for the crowd. 5) **Lily Martin** performs to the song. 6) Three of the girls perform a dance move. 7) **Catherine Sadler** busts a move. 8) **Kami Fisher** and **Lily Martin** perform their moves in the gym. 9) The girls pose for a pre-game picture.



# Dance Team

Each year at RCHS, one of the club options the school offers is the dance team ran by Mrs. Cook. This year's dance team was smaller than usual, but their size did not affect their dedication. This year's team consisted of Senior Lindsey Henderson, Juniors Jenna Rule, Jaci Engleking, and Emily Anderson, and Freshmen Kami Fisher and Catherine Sadler. The dance team worked diligently this season to perfect their dance routine and share it with RCHS. At each home basketball game this year, the girls danced to the hit song *"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun"* covered by Miley Cyrus. The dance team practiced hard after school to learn and perfect the choreography. Mrs. Cook trained the girls to learn the dance moves and guided them at the games. RCHS is excited to see who joins the dance team next year.







1) The Spanish Quiz Bowl team 2) The History Bowl team reviews before a competition in South Bend.. 3) The Academic Super Bowl team shows off their awards. 4) **Jordan Adams** competes in the Spell Bowl. 5) **Bryce Powell** and **Madyson Witt** build a Rube Goldberg machine for Science Olympiad. 6) Spell Bowl students with awards. 7) **Lily Martin** and **Conlan Oatey** build a robot arm. 8) Four-year quiz bowl students. 9) A group of Science Olympiad students smile after their competition.



# Academic Teams



There are several academic teams at RCHS for students who want to showcase their intellectual abilities. Some options available to students are Science Olympiad, Spell Bowl, History Bowl, and Spanish Quiz Bowl. Students on these teams travel to area competitions to compete against other schools. The academic teams are ran by Mr. Hawthorne and Miss Anliker, and Spanish Quiz Bowl is ran by Sra. Benner. The academic team competitions entail spelling bees, science projects, quizzes, and the Spanish culture and language. Students on the academic teams show dedication through weekly practices before and after school and devote their weekends to contests. Being a part of academic teams in high school shows a student's dedication to education and looks great on college applications.







Homecoming 2016 was a phenomenal example of school spirit and Bomber pride. We started the week with spirit days. The themes for those days were pajama day, twin day, hat day, superhero day, and class colors day. That Friday, students competed in the 2nd annual class games. It was a close competition this year, but the seniors came out on top. The Bombers also had a lot of fun at the Homecoming parade and at the first bonfire the school has had in 15 years. Congratulations to Kelsy Spurgeon, escorted by De'Shawn Warren, for winning 2016 Homecoming Queen. The other candidates were Regan Rodibaugh, escorted by Ben Hillan, Ava Jackson, escorted by Evan Brandenburg, Marijka Lynch-Pastoor, escorted by Graham Balvich, and Megan Massoels, escorted by Blake Kenworthy. The football team played Hammond Clark for the Homecoming game. The final score was a blowout, 48-6, with a Bomber victory. The student section brought baby powder to celebrate touchdowns, and the crowd was on their feet cheering the entire game. After the game, Bomber Nation stormed the field for the post game tradition - victory Bomber Jacks.

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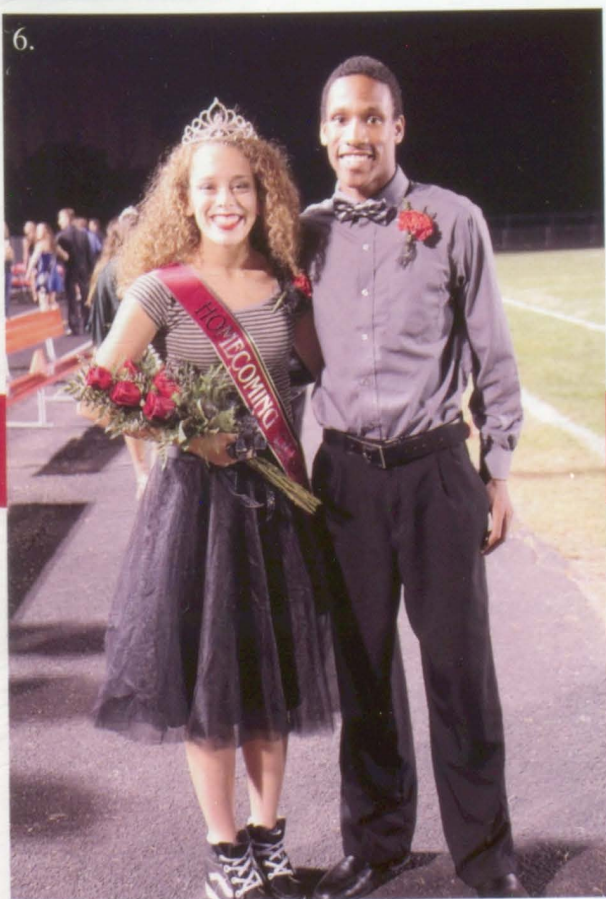




1) The football players and students prepare for a Homecoming victory at the bonfire following the parade. 2) The Homecoming court consisting of **Regan Rodibaugh**, escorted by **Ben Hillan**, **Ava Jackson**, escorted by **Evan Brandenburg**, **Kelsy Spurgeon**, escorted by **De'Shawn Warren**, **Marijka Lynch-Pastoor**, escorted by **Graham Balvich**, **Megan Massoels**, escorted by **Blake Kenworthy** help celebrate **Kelsy Spurgeon's** win. 3) **Regan Rodibaugh** shows everyone how to dance after the game. 4) For the parade float competition, the sophomores destroyed every other grade with their "Send the Pioneers Packing" float. 5) Sophomores battle against the juniors in the tug-of-war at the second annual class games. 6) **Kelsy Spurgeon**, escorted by **De'Shawn Warren**, takes the title of Homecoming Queen. 7) **Jacob Hall** dresses as the iconic Ralphie from *A Christmas Story* to show his school spirit on pajama day. 8) Is that **Mr. Johnson** or a cowboy? 9) **Tyana Stone** busts a move during the class games dance competition. 10) The girls golf team throws candy to children during the parade.



# Homecoming





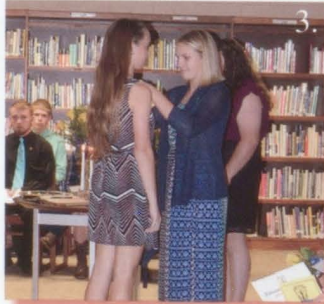
1) 2016 NHS inductees. 2) Ava Jackson, Ben Hillan, and Jacob Hall conduct a meeting. 3) Megan Massoels pins Emily Anderson. 4) Trenton McAdow signs the NHS book. 5) Regan Rodibaugh welcomes Parker Jordan. 6) NHS members participate in a monthly meeting. 7) Harrison Heinig explains one of the principals of NHS during the induction ceremony. 8) Marijka Lynch-Pastoor gets her pin. 9) Cheryl Sutton lights the candle for scholarship.



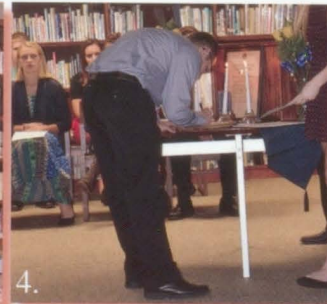
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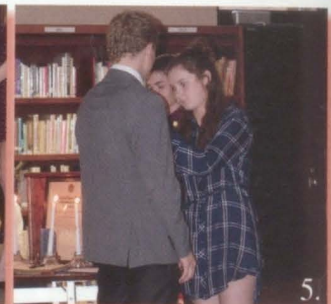
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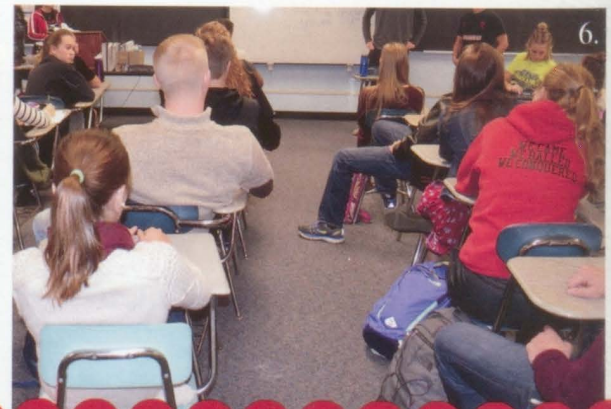
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# NHS

The RCHS National Honor Society inducted 16 new members for 2016. Standing NHS members formally inducted new members at a candle ceremony hosted in the library. Each candle holds a specific meaning; the four candles represent the four pillars of the NHS constitution: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Students participate in service projects including tutoring, hosting a dance-a-thon to fundraise for the food pantry and Riley's Children Hospital, and a clothing drive, among others, to provide for families in need. Along with a required 15 hours for group service projects, these students need 15 hours of independent projects. Some services include working extended care at the primary school and going to the Veteran's Homes.



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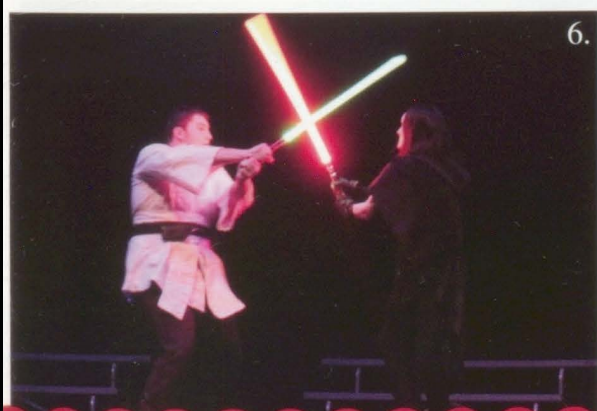




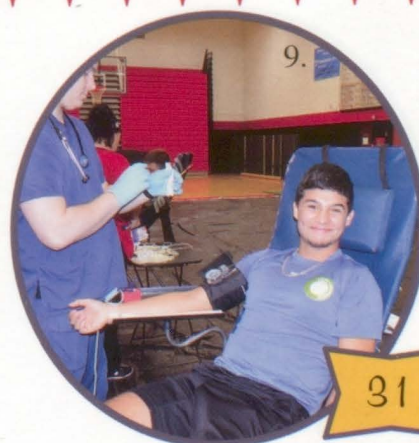
- 1) Seniors work the blood drive.
- 2) **Lindsey Henderson** reads at the talent show.
- 3) **Madison Haynes** jams out.
- 4) **Maddie Augustine** works the auction.
- 5) **Sarah Mahnesmith** and **Jocelyn Polanek** make hash browns for the breakfast.
- 6) **Matt Barker** battles a sith for the talent show.
- 7) **Hanna McCarthy**, **Kayla Tryon**, and **Allie Stoker** distribute food.
- 8) **Courtney Arndt** organizes the Lilly Power fundraiser.
- 9) Senior **Pedro Hernandez** gives blood.



# Community Service



6. The Community Service Club and its many participants have racked up countless hours this year assisting those in need around Rensselaer. The volunteers who helped in the Community Service Club hosted several events including The Rudolph Run, the blood drive, the talent show, Pack-A-Van, and a fundraiser for a local student battling cancer. The ultimate goal of the Community Service Club is to help those in need, and this year, they accomplished just that. The club met frequently to discuss how they would assist the Rensselaer community. During these meetings, things such as fundraisers and the school's recycling crew were established. Under the direction of Mr. Hawthorne and Ms. Henady, the group comes together to make Rensselaer and our school an even better place.



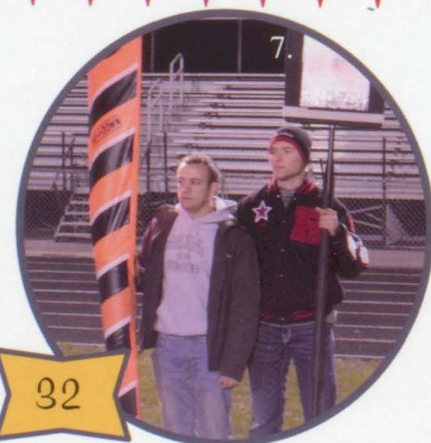


- 1) The 2016 Powderpuff champions.
- 2) Sophomores and juniors wait for the coin toss.
- 3) **Marijka Lynch-Pastoor** runs the ball down field while dodging freshman.
- 4) **Hannah Hall** celebrates a tackle.
- 5) **Emily Barber** hands the flag back to the freshmen.
- 6) Sophomore coach **Noah Donahue** preps the girls.
- 7) **Jacob Hall** and **Evan Brandenburg** move the chains.
- 8) **Ben Hillan** and **Bryce Jordan** hype up their team.
- 9) Seniors and juniors line up.

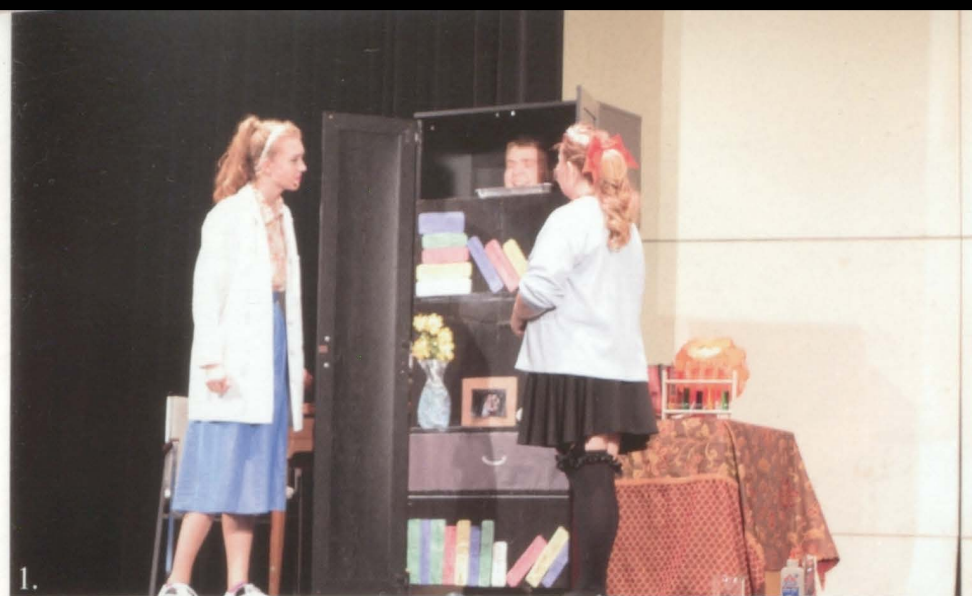


# Powderpuff

The juniors claimed the 2016 Powderpuff football title. They beat the sophomore class in the first game without letting them score a single point. The seniors easily won their first game against the freshman by scoring multiple touchdowns. The final game was between the juniors and the seniors. The seniors possessed the ball for the first half of the game, slowly moving it up the field. The ball was fumbled and turned over to the junior team. The juniors gave the ball to Morgan Fleming, and she scored the game-winning touchdown. Junior coaches Jordan Owens, Hunter Davisson, Isaac Ahler, Anthony Ybarra, Jaylen Gilbert, Parker Jordan, and Ben Korniak led their team to victory. It was a great performance by the junior class.







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1) Penny and Janice store Glen's head.  
 2) Penny and Janice fight over keeping Glen's death a secret. 3) Neighbor **Haley Brouwer** pays a visit to Penny and Janice's house. 4) **Sarah Powers**, **Summer Sheffer**, and **Kailey Gilbert** perform a commercial between scenes. 5) Luke (**Harrison Heinig**) passes out on stage. 6) Janice puts Glen's head onto the B7 robot. 7) The RCHS Drama Department 8) **Zeke Gastineau** plays a cop. 9) Luke created the B7 robot.



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# Fall Play



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The RCHS Drama Department performed an unforgettable play this year. The play, *It's Alive! The Head That Wouldn't Die*, is a science fiction play written by Rand Higbee. It's about a girl named Penny (played by Kourtnee Boose) and a girl named Janice (played by Lily Martin). Penny accidentally shoots her boyfriend Glen (played by Braden Brunton), and Janice is able to save his head. Penny and Janice store Glen's head in a cabinet while trying to keep Glen's death a secret. They invite their friend Luke (played by Harrison Heinig), who is a scientist, over to their house hoping his robot can help fix the chaotic situation. The RCHS Drama Department did a wonderful job, captivating the audience the entire time.



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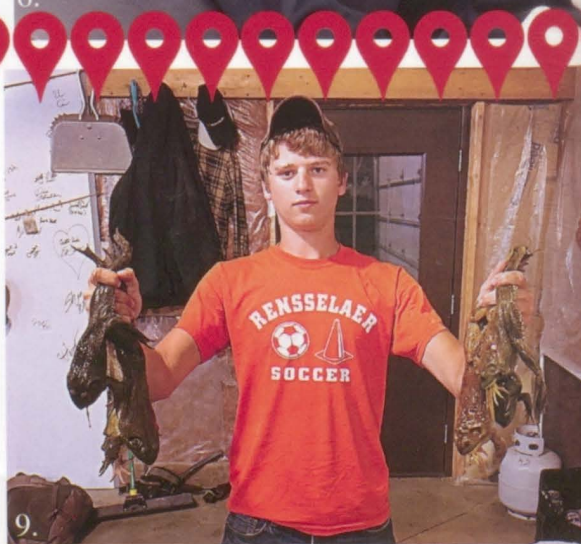


1) **Harrison Heinig** plays in the Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps. 2) **Braden Dobson** shows off his catch. 3) **Tommy Gutwein** displays his grand champion barrow. 4) **Ava Jackson** marches in formation at Culver Military Academy. 5) **Shay Zulaski** poses with her buck. 6) **Ben Hillan** (a.k.a. "Bshwazzle") produces his mixtape. 7) **Kayla Tryon** rides her horse. 8) **Meredith Lucero** plays the ukelele. 9) Frog gigging is one of **Graham Balvich**'s favorite hobbies.



# Hobbies

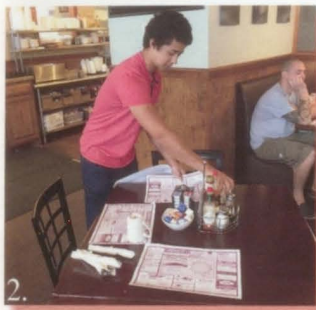
Students at RCHS enjoy many recreational activities in their spare time. Some of the most popular include hunting, fishing, playing instruments, or participating in club sports. Many students also participate in 4-H, and some show animals at the Jasper County Fair. Whether they are inside playing video games or outside on a hike, students here find countless ways to spend their time outside of school. High school has always been about more than just the academics and school-sponsored events. Many of the hobbies students start in high school will stay with them for the rest of their lives. It is an important time for students to explore their interests during their spare time, and the young men and women of RCHS are no exception.







1) **Toby Travis** works on a motorcycle at Rich's Cycle Solutions. 2) **Efrain Padron** sets a table at Royal Oak. 3) **Hannah Hall** cuts pizza at Mt. Hood. 4) **Sophie Michael** changes the sign at Busy Bee in the rain. 5) **Tommy Gutwein** mans the ropes course at Fair Oaks. 6) **Joe Rule** stocks produce at Stracks. 7) **Robert Berg** works concessions at The Ritz. 8) **Ben Hillan, Jacob Hillan, and Alex Gull** take a break from officiating. 9) **Dakota Jones** makes a pizza.



# Employment



Many RCHS students not only go to school everyday, but also work part time jobs after school, on the weekends, and on breaks from school. By working these part time jobs in the small town of Rensselaer, teens gain the knowledge and responsibility they need later on in life. Students learn time management through balancing school, sports, and their jobs. These skills will help them tremendously while preparing for college and will also help them earn money to pay for school and the responsibilities that go along with it. If you want to see these students working hard, take a trip over to Schmidy's, Walmart, McDonalds, R&M, Arni's, Dollar Tree, Strack and Van Til or many of the other businesses in town.





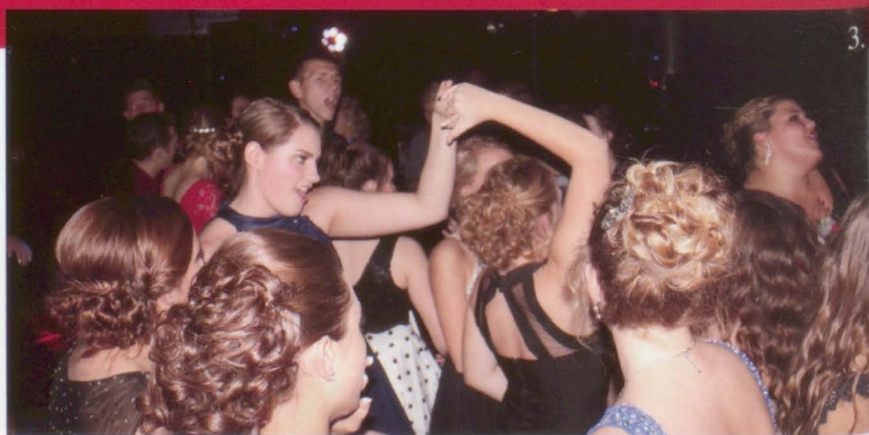
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Sunshine 2016 "A Night of Fright" was the perfect theme for the dance which took place on Halloween weekend this school year. Sponsors Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Schneider along with Sunshine board members and top fundraiser sellers did an excellent job turning the gym into a spooky forest with zombies, skulls, and spiders. DJ Chad Wynn knew how to pump up the crowd, and students enjoyed dancing all night. Sunshine Society crowned the following princesses and queen: Kelsie Wuethrich - freshman princess, Daphne Dobson - sophomore princess, Hannah Hall - junior princess, and Dakota Jones - senior queen. Congratulations to these girls. When asked to describe the experience, 2016 Sunshine Queen Dakota Jones stated, "I am honored that Sunshine members chose me to be the queen. There were several deserving girls on the ballot, and it means a lot that I was picked." Although the Sunshine dance is what a lot of students look forward to, it is only one of the events the RCHS Sunshine Society sponsors throughout the year. Over 200 students attended with their dates. Sunshine 2016 is sure to be remembered as a creepy good time.



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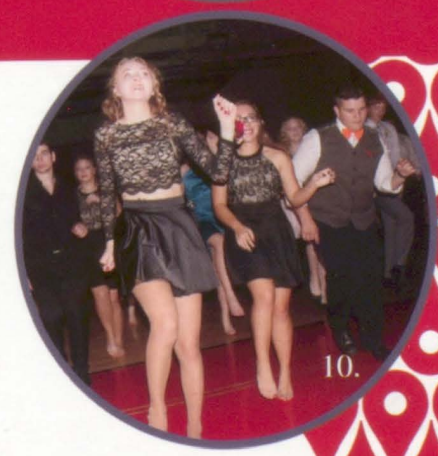
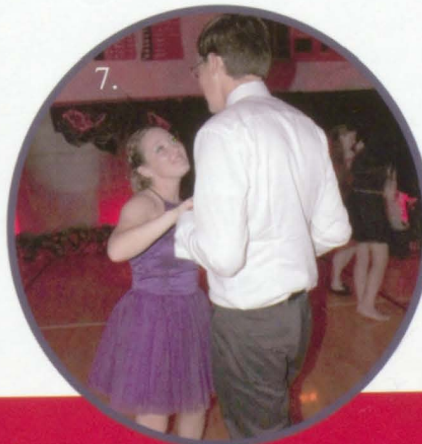
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1) Kelsie Floyd, Hilary Hall, Becca Todd, and Gracie VanWienen enjoy "A Night of Fright."  
 2) Carson Marrow, Brandt Cain, Morgan Wareing, Holly Johnson, Paige Longstreth, and Ruby Blake enjoy the "Cha-Cha Slide." 3) Sophomore Sydney Potts twirls Keri Sigman.  
 4) The 2016 Sunshine Court from left to right: Senior queen **Dakota Jones**, junior princess **Hannah Hall**, sophomore princess **Daphne Dobson**, and freshman princess **Kelsie Wuethrich**.  
 5) Upperclassmen **Emily Barber**, **Jenna Rule**, **Ava Jackson** and **Megan Massoels** soak up some high school memories as they dance the night away. 6) **Miranda Lennex** and her date **Toby Travis** teach **Jared Valentine** how to bust a move. 7) Couple **Harrison Heinig** and **Sydney Bement** enjoy a slow dance together. 8) Sunshine members share a dance and a laugh with good friends. 9) Best friends **Katie Myers** and **Isaac Ahler** have a blast at the dance together. 10) **Lily Martin**, **Kelsey Gilbert**, and **Zeke Gastineau** show off their moves during the "Cupid Shuffle."



# Sunshine

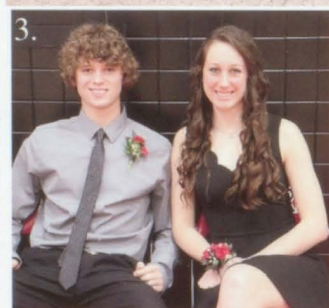
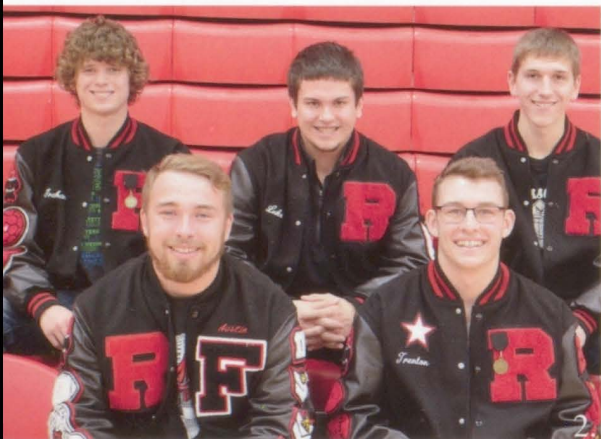




1) The 2017 Mr. Bomber candidates and their escorts. 2) The 2017 Mr. Bomber court. 3) **Graham Balvich** and **Ava Jackson** watch the game. 4) **Ben Hillan** is escorted by **Regan Rodibaugh**. 5) 2016 Mr. Bomber **Pierce VanHouten** with Homecoming Queen **Kelsy Spurgeon**. 6) **Luke Branson** congratulates **Trenton McAdow**. 7) **Luke Branson** and **KT Kem** wait for halftime. 8) **Austin Becker** and escort **Dakota Jones**. 9) 2016 and 2017 Mr. Bombers.



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# Mr. Bomber

RCHS seniors vote for the top male senior to become the annual Mr. Bomber. Being nominated for Mr. Bomber is a notable honor; it is awarded to a student who is kind, trustworthy, outgoing, honest, and intelligent. The 2017 Mr. Bomber nominees included Graham Balvich escorted by Ava Jackson, Luke Branson escorted by KT Kem, Ben Hillan escorted by Regan Rodibaugh, Austin Becker escorted by Dakota Jones, and Trenton McAdow escorted by Megan Massoels. Trenton McAdow received the title of 2017 Mr. Bomber. The Student Council organized a spirit week in anticipation of the game. The days included pj day, hat day, twin day, mismatch day, and flashback Friday. Congrats to the nominees and Trent on this achievement!



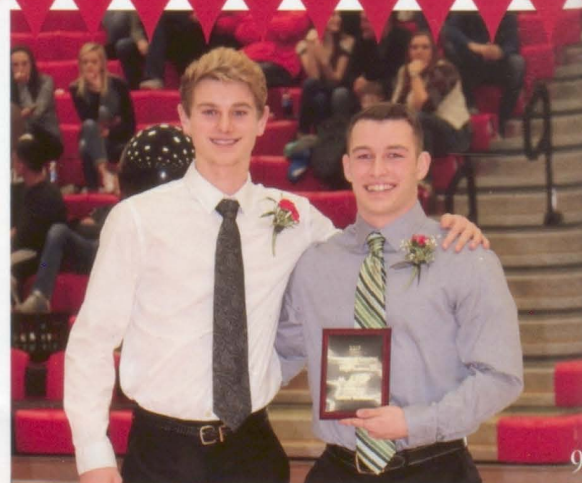
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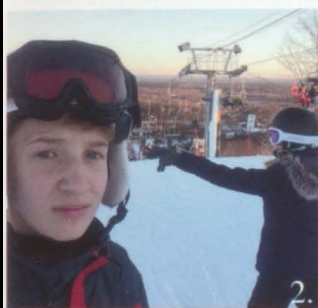


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- 1) The Varsity Boys Basketball team attends an Indiana Pacers game.
- 2) **Trenton Musch** snowboards down a mountain with his family.
- 3) **Rachel Berg** ice skates in downtown Valparaiso.
- 4) **Austin Becker** shows off his catch.
- 5) **Hailey Henry** participates in a relay game with her family.
- 6) **Hannah Hall** pilots a ship.
- 7) **Sophia Michael** studies for the SAT.
- 8) **Zeke Gastineau** skis down the slopes.
- 9) **Kobe Austin** at the Chicago Sports Museum.



# Winter Break



During the middle of the school year, winter break is the perfect vacation from the stress of classes, extracurriculars, and work. The two weeks of winter break give students and staff a chance to relax and spend quality time with their family and friends during the holiday season. Some families travel to warmer destinations, such as Florida or Mexico, to relax and unwind from the daily stresses of life. Others participate in winter festivities like skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, sledding, and ice fishing, as long as the weather cooperates. Despite the usual frigid temperatures in Indiana, students and staff still found ways to enjoy their winter break. Visiting museums, attending sporting events, or studying for the SAT are just some of the ways Bombers chose to spend their time off.





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Each year at RCHS, the Student Council organizes the MORP dance. MORP is backwards Prom, a dance where students come dressed in costumes to have a good time with friends. MORP is a great way to help students destress and increase their school spirit. The theme this year was neon/blacklight, and the Student Council did a wonderful job decorating the cafeteria in preparation for the dance. The Student Council gave students attending MORP glow in the dark bracelets and set up a photobooth for everyone to take pictures with friends. DJ Chad Wynn made the night even more enjoyable by playing music that everyone could bust a move to. This year, we had students come to the dance in many creative costumes. Students came dressed as dalmations, firefighters, lumberjacks, motocross racers, bikers, angels, fruit, movie characters, musicians, and many other interesting costumes. MORP is a great way to hang out with friends, dance the night away, and show creativity through costumes. Even though the dance only lasted three hours, the atmosphere created left students already excited for next years MORP.

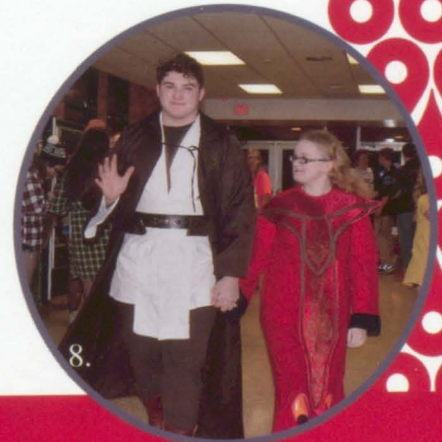




1) RCHS students group together at MORP 2017 and dance to the "Cha-Cha Slide". 2) Student Council members **Jerrett Nagel**, **Braden Dobson**, and **Ava Jackson** help decorate the cafeteria to prepare for the dance. 3) Sophomore **Cody Walter** dances with **Jade Stiltz** and **Aiyana Morrow**. 4) **Robert Berg** puts himself into a neon body outline. 5) Seniors **Lexie Wuethrich**, **Christina Ziese**, and **Amy Zieba** enjoy their last MORP. 6) **Morgan Molenaar** and **Daphne Dobson**, dressed as Ninja Turtles, bust a move on the dance floor. 7) **Pedro Hernandez** dressed as the musician "Marshmello" pretends to DJ. 8) Couple **Matt Barker** and **Autumn Williams**, dressed as characters from *Star Wars*, enter the dance together. 9) **Sydney Bement** and **Josie Hitchings** lay down neon tape to square off the dance floor in the cafeteria. 10) **Blake Kenworthy** enters his last MORP dance dressed in a dapper suit and top hat.

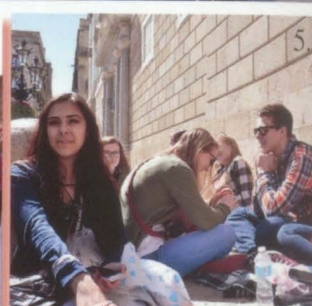
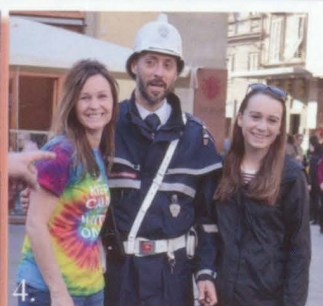


# MORP





1) The 2017 Europe Trip group 2) **Emily Britt** and **Mrs. Benner** take a break in the Roman Forum. 3) **Kelsy Spurgeon** enjoys herself in La Pedrera. 4) **Emily Anderson** and her mom meet an Italian police officer. 5) Students pass the time in Barcelona. 6) Exhausted students chill in Parque Guell. 7) **Tanner Morey** and **Evan Brandenburg** make fresh lemonade. 8) **Ethan Morris** pays tribute to a Matador. 9) **Ben Hillan** and **Regan Rodibaugh** wait for dinner in Madrid.



# Europe Trip

The 2017 Europe trip was one of the best in recent years. It was the first time many of the students who went had been outside of the country. Students traveled to four cities: Madrid, Barcelona, Florence, and Rome. Some of the favorite sites they visited were the Prado Museum, the Aqueduct of Segovia, the Sagrada Familia Basilica, the Cathedral of Florence, the City of Orvieto, and the Ancient Roman Forum. Students spent the week making memories that will last a lifetime. Many of them look forward to returning to the cities they visited and hope to return in college through studying abroad. One thing is certain: they will never forget their time in Europe this year.







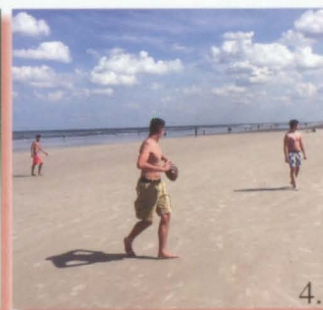
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1) **Austin Becker** reels in a catch. 2) **Mackenzie Flanigan** and **Kerry Branson** parasail. 3) **Tommy Gutwein** dives in Mexico. 4) **RCHS boys** play beach football. 5) Students relax on the beach. 6) **Jaylen Gilbert, Halle, Hannah, and Hilary Hall, Lauren McGowan, and Noah Bierma** spend a day at a waterpark. 7) **Meredith Lucero** jet skis. 8) **Courtney Arndt** makes a new friend. 9) Seniors **Graham Balvich** and **Trenton McAdow** sun bathe.



# Spring Break

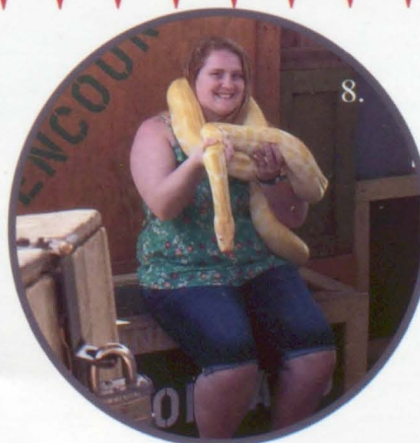


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Spring break at RCHS may be the most favored part of the year by all of the students and staff. The much needed week away from school that March brings is a gift to all members of RCHS. Some vacation to the beach while others stay home; regardless, relaxation and rest are always guaranteed. Many vacation goers were lucky to have beautiful weather this year, especially down the coast in Florida, where many people chose to get away. Those who decided to stay home had some warm days and some rainy days, but April showers bring May flowers after all. Spring break is a great time to catch up on some sleep, relax, and spend quality time with family and friends without worrying about the alarm. Members of the RCHS community are sure to come back well-rested to finish off the school year.



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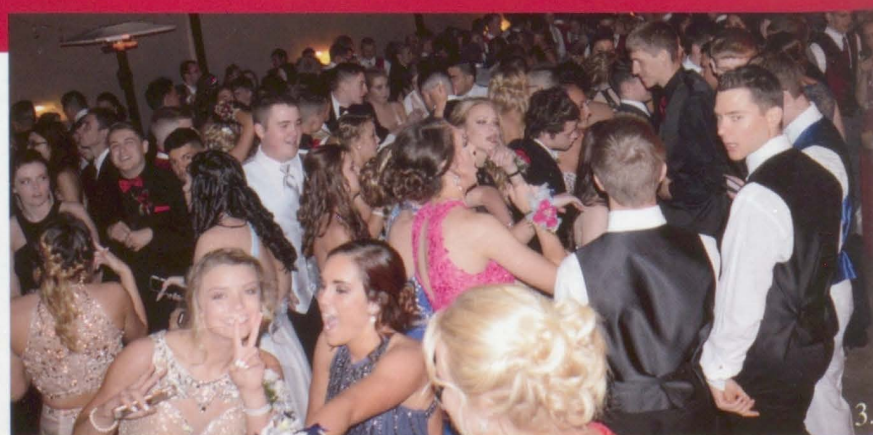


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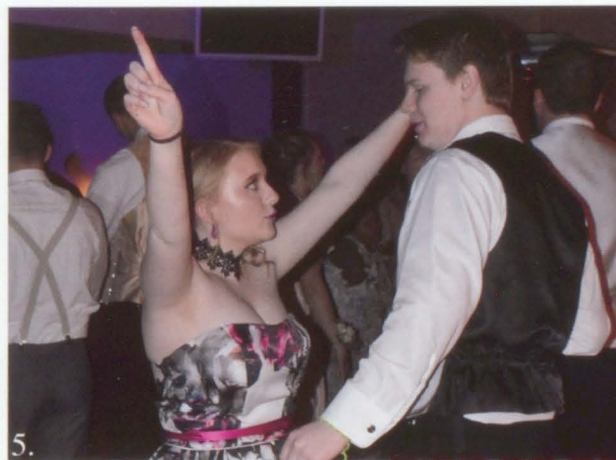


Despite facing cold weather and rain, Prom 2017, "A Touch of Class," was a huge success. Students enjoyed dancing all night long to music provided by DJ Chad Wynn. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Schneider set up the tables, candy bar, and appetizers to match the theme. Students took hundreds of pictures and made even more memories. Halfway through the night, the court was called up for the crowning of the royalty. Prom Prince was awarded to Ben Korniak and Princess to Hailey Henry. Ben Hillan and Regan Rodibaugh were crowned Prom King and Queen, not surprisingly since they were also voted Prince and Princess last year. After the dance, most kids headed to the RCHS gym to continue the night at After Prom. There were bounce houses, photo booths, games, and tons of giveaways. Everyone who attended was guaranteed to leave with something. Some students won microwaves and mini fridges for college, while others took home gift cards for local restaurants and businesses. Prom was organized by the junior class, and After Prom by some RCHS parents. A huge shout out to both of these groups as they made Prom 2017 a night RCHS students will always remember.

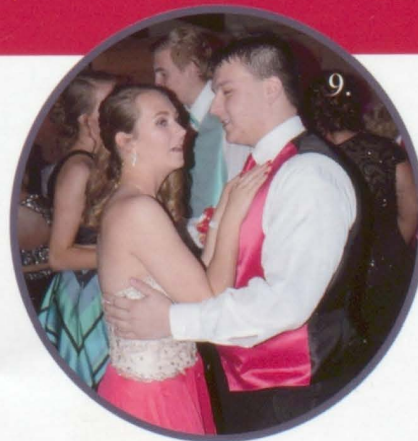
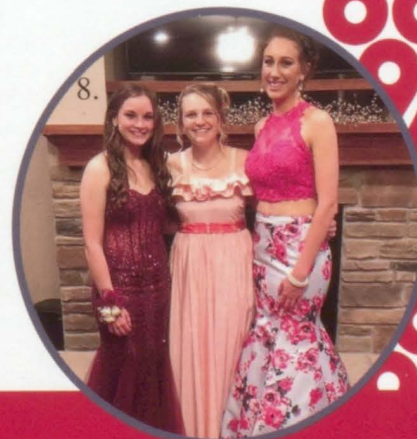




1) Seniors, juniors, and their dates throw their hands up to Lil Uzi. 2) **Hope Manns, KT Kem, Libby Barton, Dakota Jones, and Sydney Potts** get ready to leave for prom. 3) **Evan Brandenburg, Ava Jackson, Emily Barber, Ben Hillan, Lauren McGowan, and Ryan Ritter** get down to DJ Wynn's jams while **Lilly Davisson** throws up a peace sign photo bomb. 4) The 2017 Prom Court **Benjamin Korniak, Hailey Henry, Regan Rodibaugh, and Ben Hillan**. 5) Seniors **Cassie Marlow and Terry McCallister** dance until they cannot dance anymore. 6) **Tyana Stone** and her date pose for a picture and love every minute of it. 7) Senior **Elaine He** and her date **Trenton Musch** enjoy their time at her last prom. 8) Seniors **Regan Rodibaugh, Megan Massoels, and Ava Jackson** take a pre Prom picture knowing its their last time ever doing so. 9) **Katelyn Hanford and Ricky Shupe** slow dance to "I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz. 10) Couple **Autumn Williams and Matthew Barker** get together for a picture that will last a lifetime.



# Prom





1) The senior team "Boom Sesh" works together to save the ball. 2) **Mr. Gull** sets the ball to his teammates. 3) **Mr. Shupryt** and **Mr. Goad** pass the ball. 4) Freshman **Jarred Riegle** kicks the ball. 5) **Keegan Todd**, **Eli Kosiba**, and **Alex Gull** prepare to set the ball up. 6) The juniors discuss their game plan. 7) **Grant Myers** jump serves the ball to the other team. 8) **Luke Branson** smiles as he defeats all other teams. 9) **Aidan Stevens** spikes the ball at the juniors.



# Men's Volleyball

The annual men's volleyball tournament took place on March 21, 2017. The senior team "Boom Sesh" dominated all other teams. Boom Sesh has been on a four year winning streak; the team includes Luke Branson, Bryce Jordan, Trenton McAdow, Bryce Kingman, Jonathan Hickman, and Grant Myers. The Boom Sesh team first played team "Brandenburg," defeating them. Boom Sesh then moved on to play the freshman team "Hillan," destroying them. Next, the sophomore team "Hoosier Daddy" played Boom Sesh; Boom Sesh came out on top. The juniors, "Sesh Boom," suffered a devastating loss against Boom Sesh after playing 2 games. This year, a game with the staff was added, but it was not part of the tournament. The staff team was also defeated by the senior team Boom Sesh.



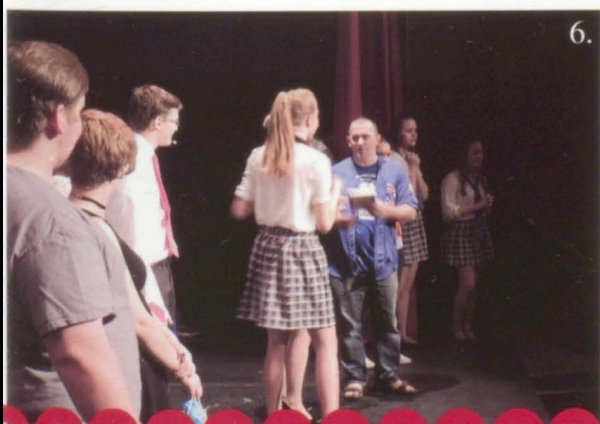




1) Vote Philip! 2) Lily Martin sings a solo. 3) Sarah Powers as Emma, bursts into song. 4) Zeke Gastineau, Lindsey Henderson, and Autumn Williams dance while Adam Armstrong performs. 5) Sydney Bement, as Harriet, gets into character. 6) Mr. Sell, the director, hands Lily Martin a gift. 7) Kailey Gilbert, Zeke Gastineau, Alexis Brouwer, and Harrison Heinig talk about Frank. 8) Adam Armstrong as Frank Churchill. 9) Allison Arnold busts a move.



# Spring Musical



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This spring at RCHS, the Drama Club performed a musical for the community. This year, the musical was *Emma! A Pop Musical*. The musical combined popular hits throughout the decades and put them all together. Working together in the Drama Club helps students make friends and form everlasting bonds. With Alexis Brouwer and Sarah Powers as the leads, the play blew everyone away. After weeks of learning songs, lines, and choreography, the cast did an outstanding job performing on stage for the community. The play was held in the high school auditorium from April 20th to April 23rd. Mrs. Davisson helped the students learn the music, and Mr. Sell was the accompanist for the play. Maybe one day we will see some of these amazing stars on Broadway!



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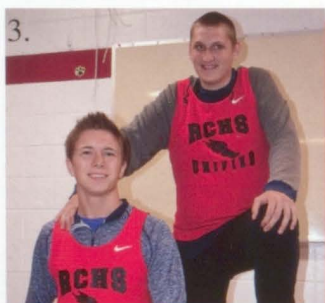
1) BAC members enjoy a tie-dye themed football game. 2) **Abigail Pinkerman, Megan Massoels, and Hailey Henry** stay warm during a meet. 3) **Braden Dobson** gives **Adrian Voeller** a pep talk. 4) **Tyana Stone** celebrates after a 100 meter dash. 5) **Hilary Hall** coaches Unified Track. 6) Students buy goodies from a bake sale. 7) **Jeremiah Staddon** shows off after a race. 8) **Robert Berg** waves to his fans in the crowd. 9) BAC members sell bracelets to Bomber fans.

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# BAC

The Bomber Athletic Club at RCHS holds many events to raise money for and to promote unified athletics. BAC members help coordinate events for the Unified Track team, and they help coach the other students on the team. BAC works to get all students involved in athletic activities by continuing to spread the inclusion revolution. The club hosts bake sales and intermural basketball games for students on the Unified Track team. Students have bake sales and sell bracelets to raise money for the club and the school. The students involved in BAC enjoy spending time with and inspiring other students, but, little do the kids involved in Unified Track know, they inspire the club members more. Students and faculty at RCHS are thankful for the positivity that is spread by this group of people.



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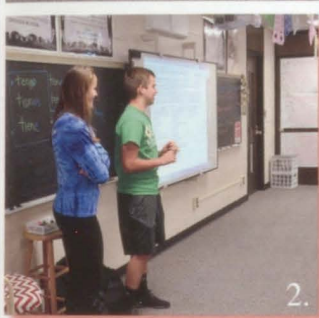


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- 1) Members vote on next year's officers.
- 2) President **Preston Tanner** and **Ally Arnold** conduct a meeting.
- 3) **Lily Martin** picks out her favorite foods.
- 4) **Sophia Michael** enjoys a taco.
- 5) Members celebrate Easter with cascarones.
- 6) **Autumn Bulington**, **Michaelina Barko**, and **Hope Adams** are ready to answer.
- 7) **Catherine Sadler** and **Beth Hopkins** enjoy a meal.
- 8) **Bailey Craig** makes the meal plan.
- 9) **Sara Steinke** helps herself to the rice.



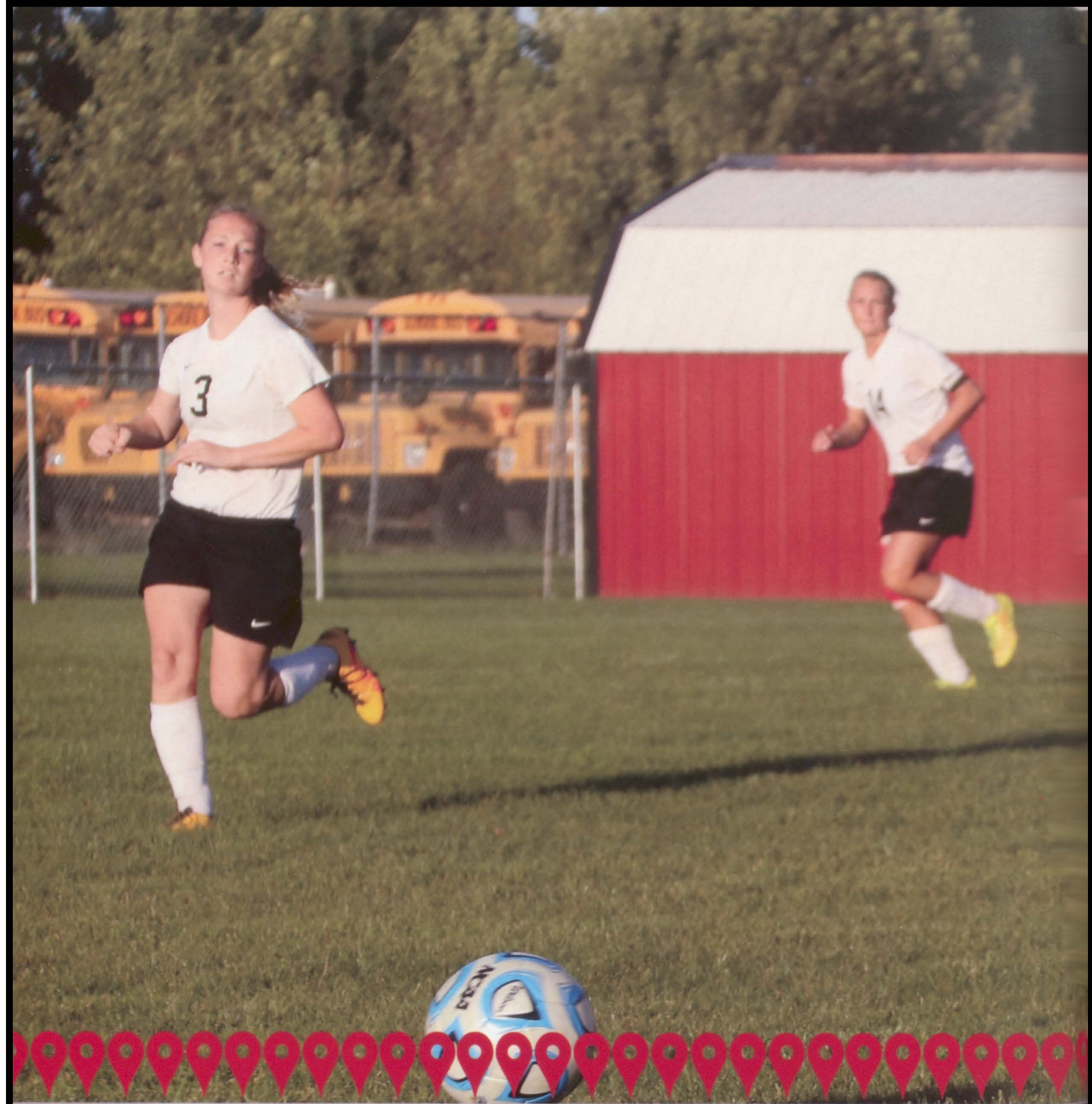
# Sigma Di Gamma



For students at RCHS interested in learning more about the culture and cuisine of other countries, as well as those who just want an excellent meal every now and then, Sigma Di Gamma is the perfect fit. Club members get to catch a glimpse into the culture of many different Hispanic countries through their food. This year, the club celebrated a number of different exotic foods including tamales, empanadas, and chorizo. The club also had a fantastic time celebrating Mexican-American culture on Cinco de Mayo. Sigma Di Gamma has a reputation for being one of the most enjoyable clubs at our school, and it certainly never disappoints. Members always look forward to the excellent food, information, and community. Students cannot wait until the fun begins again next school year. ¡Hasta luego!











### **Sports highlights for 2016-2017**

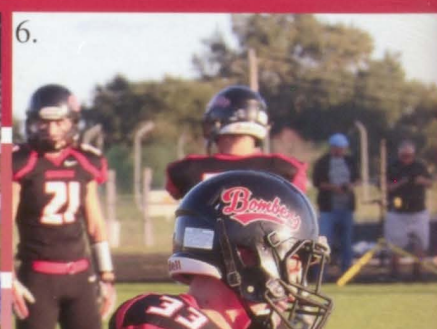
📍 Ryne Webb and Eli Hickman advanced to the State tournament for wrestling; this was the first time in RCHS history that two athletes have advanced.

📍 Kelsie Wuethrich went to State for Cross Country and finished 63rd out of 208.

📍 The Boys Varsity Basketball team advanced to the Sectional Championship.

📍 Sophia Michael, Allison Arnold, Hailey Henry and Kennedy Minter broke the 200 freestyle relay record, and Darian McAdow broke the diving record.





1) Starting quarterback **Jaylen Gilbert** delivers a touchdown to the end zone during the game against North Judson. 2) **Jordan Owens**, **Austin Becker** and **Bryce Kingman** line up to defend the ball. 3) Wingback **Brayden Wright** finds his way through Hammond Clark's defensive line to spot out the ball. 4) Defensive end **Isaac Ahler** drills North Judson's offensive line. 5) Offensive teammates **Ben Korniak** and **Aidan Stevens** approach the other team's defensive line to open up the second half of the game. 6) **Parker Jordan** keeps the ball close after a tough catch. 7) The Bomb Squad attacks North Newton's offensive linemen hoping for a turnover. 8) Seniors **Trenton McAdow** and **Luke Branson** block the ball from Hammond Clark during Homecoming. 9) The 2016-2017 Rensselaer Central High School Varsity Football team.

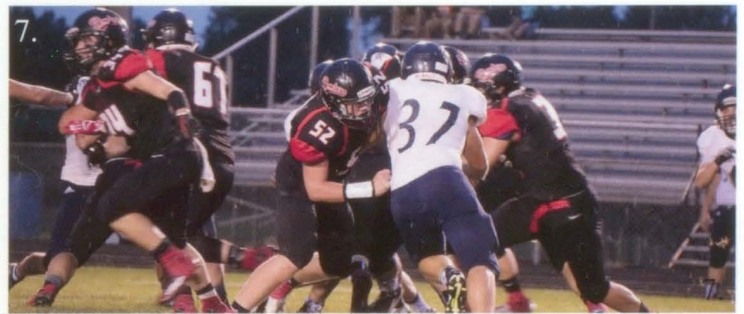


# Football

This season, the Bomb Squad set their goals high by dedicating themselves to summer, two-a-day, weekend, and after school practices. With the guidance of Coach Meeks and the assistant coaches, the boys ended the season with a record of 7-4. In the first round of sectionals, the Bombers walked away with a 38-7 victory against the Calumet New Tech Warriors. During the second week of sectionals, the Bombers fell to the Griffith Panthers 28-21, just short of advancing onto the sectional championship. Ten seniors played their last Bomber season this year: Austin Becker, Luke Branson, Jonathan Hickman, Shawn Hofferth, Bryce Jordan, Bryce Kingman, Trenton McAdow, Jacob Trammel, Zach Wamsley, and Ryne Webb. This season would not have been as successful without all of these leaders. Best wishes to all of you after high school. Congratulations to the players on an outstanding season; we can't wait to see what 2017 has in store.

*"How bad do you want it?"*

*- Coach Meeks*



**What is your  
pregame ritual  
and how do you  
benefit from it?**



Austin Becker: "I listen to music in the locker room with my boys to get hyped."



Jaylen Gilbert: "I like to get my team hyped; it helps us get in the zone."



Jonathan Hickman: "I sit by my locker and listen to music to clear my mind."



# JV Football

"Even though I'm only a freshman, I still feel a part of the family." - Kiren Hesson



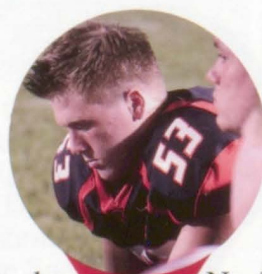
The junior varsity football team started the season on our home field. Although the boys did not win their first game, they came back and won the next three against Benton Central, North Judson, and Twin Lakes. The games against West Lafayette and Central Catholic resulted in losses for the JV Bombers of 8-40 and 8-26 respectively. The last game of the season against Hamilton Heights was the game to watch. Unfortunately, the boys lost the game by two points with a score of 20-22. These athletes worked hard throughout the season, ending with an overall record of 3-4. Good luck to the JV football boys in their careers going forward.



1) **Evan Gerlach** pushes past the opponent's offensive line. 2) **Parker Jordan** works past the defenders, getting the touchdown. 3) **Noah Donahue, Jeffery Green, Kiren Hesson, and Hunter Davisson** work together to bring down West Lafayette. 4) **Noah Donahue, Jeffery Green, Garrett Pinkerman, and Jarrett Allen** search for the ball in Hammond Clark's offensive line. 5) Two year player **Jarrett Allen** follows the play.



Jose Hernandez:  
"STATE."



Noah Donahue:  
"My goal is to be a starting lineman as an upcoming junior."

**What is your ultimate goal in football?**



# Girls Golf



"No matter how good you get, you can always get better, and that's the exciting part."

- Tiger Woods

The RCHS Girls Golf team has worked their hardest to overcome obstacles this season. This year, Mr. Feagans took over as head coach. After the North Newton and North Judson match at Hazelden Country Club, the girls came home with their first dual match win of the season. At the next match, the girls won at their home course, Curtis Creek, against West Central and North Newton. The overall record is 1-4-1. Juniors Kerry Branson and Katie Myers advanced through sectionals, qualifying for regionals. Despite playing extremely well, these two did not advance to state. Congratulations to all players on a successful season.



**What was your biggest improvement this season?**

Halle Hall:  
"My attitude has become more positive, and I work better with others."

Abbey Mahan:  
"I have improved my score and my motivation to do better."

1) Junior **Katie Myers** watches her approach shot track towards the green. 2) **Leah Trammel** smacks a drive down the fairway, making it her best swing of the season. 3) Two year player **Meredith Lucero** warms up before sectionals. 4) **Kerry Branson** focuses on the shot and sinks a long putt. 5) The 2016 RCHS Girls Golf team left to right: Brianna Oliver, Leah Trammel, Hannah Hall, Kerry Branson, Halle Hall, Abbey Mahan, Katie Myers, Erin Shupe, and Meredith Lucero.





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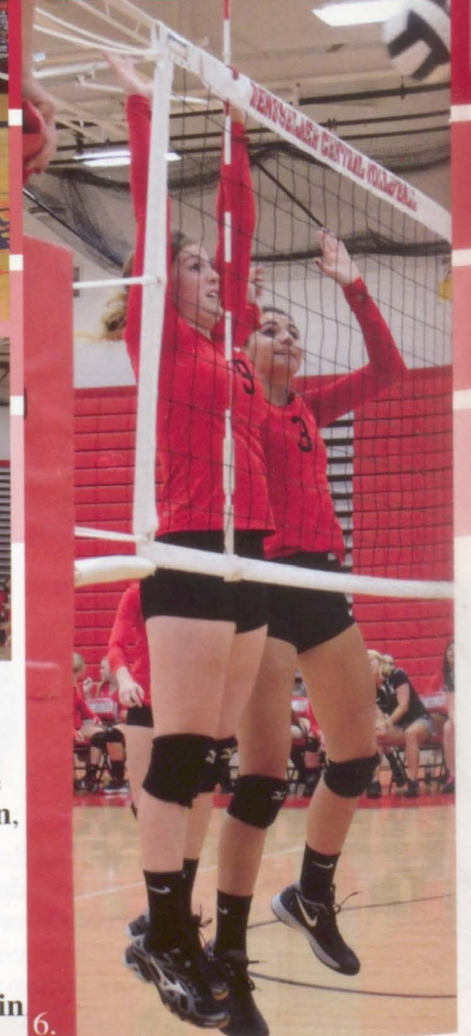


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1) Players scramble to return the ball to North Newton. 2) Addy Cain, Dakota Jones, and Morgan Moore put on their game faces. 3) Emily Barber, Ava Jackson, and Brooklyn Radtke dive for the ball while back row covers. 4) Addy Cain and Emily Barber block a hit from Tri-County. 5) Emily Barber spikes the ball. 6) Brooklyn Radtke and Addy Cain block for the Bombers. 7) Ava Jackson, Regan Rodibaugh, Brooklyn Radtke, Morgan Moore, and Daphne Dobson shake hands with opponents before a game. 8) Regan Rodibaugh sets the ball to her teammates. 9) The 2016 RCHS Varsity Volleyball team and manager left to right: Regan Rodibaugh, Morgan Moore, Dakota Jones, Lauren McGowan, Brooklyn Radtke, Bianca Radtke, Bailey Craig, Daphne Dobson, Emily Barber, Ava Jackson, and Addy Cain



# Volleyball

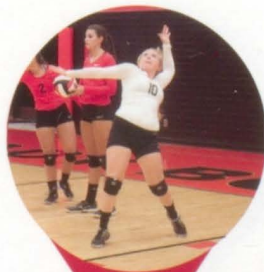
After competing vigorously in numerous matches this year, the 2016 RCHS Girls Varsity Volleyball team finished off their season with a record of 9-8. The girls made it to the second round of the sectional tournament after getting a bye in the sectional draw, only to lose to the strong Hanover Central team. As a team composed of four senior leaders, the girls carried themselves through their season's wins and losses in an honorable manner. Senior players Emily Barber, Ava Jackson, Dakota Jones, and Regan Rodibaugh have been major assets to the team for the past four years and will be greatly missed by their coaches and teammates. Since they are a fairly young team, they will be sure to push each other and have plenty of room to grow and compete in the years to come. Before each game, the players huddled up and gave pep talks to their fellow teammates before shaking hands with the opposing teams. This pre-game ritual has brought the players good luck and has motivated them throughout the whole season to play their best during each match. Best of luck to all of the players on successful seasons to follow.

*"I'm thankful my teammates made senior year memorable."*

*- Regan Rodibaugh*



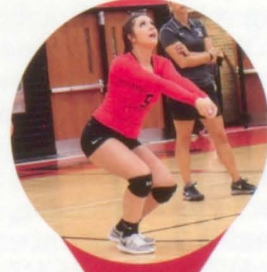
**What is the biggest thing you have accomplished in this sport?**



Morgan Moore:  
"Being the top five in our conference for digs."



Ava Jackson:  
"Getting the most blocks on the team this year."



Dakota Jones:  
"Being a champ at taking stats."



# JV Volleyball

"The secret of success is consistency of purpose."

- Benjamin Disraeli



The young players of the 2016 junior varsity volleyball team finished off their season with a record of 9-8. Defeating one of their rivals, the West Central Trojans, at the end of their season gave the players more motivation to work harder to defeat other opponents such as the Kankakee Valley Kougars next year and the years following. After finishing a respectable season, this group of girls faces a bright future in volleyball as they have shown much potential this year. Bomber fans and coaches are excited to see what all of the returning players will accomplish in the years to come. With quite a few aspiring athletes, they are sure to be successful.

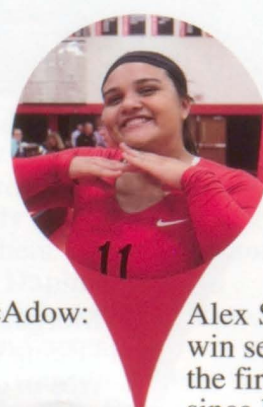


- 1) Sophomores **Sydney Potts** and **Alexis Bushong** celebrate a Bomber victory against Tri-County.
- 2) First year player **Camille Becker** sets the ball to teammate **Sydney VanMeter**.
- 3) **Hayley Warne**, **Alivia Lakin**, and **Becca Todd** help teammates **Camille Becker**, **Alexis Bushong**, and **Sydney VanMeter** score on North Newton.
- 4) The 2016 RCHS Girls JV Volleyball team.
- 5) Sophomore **Hayley Warne**

watches the ball while **Darian McAdow** is ready to assist.



**Darian McAdow:**  
"To dress varsity."



**Alex Stevens:** "To win sectionals for the first time since I've been in high school."

**What is your goal for volleyball next year?**



# Boys Tennis



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"Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle." - Napoleon Hill

The 2016 boys tennis team worked really hard this season. The players had a tough season, but still kept a positive attitude and did their best while having fun doing so. According to first year player Micah Moore, "the team really focused on improving our backhands, and putting more effort into practice. We also focused on keeping a positive outlook even when we lost matches." Moore also stated the team concentrated on getting their heads into the game. According to sophomore Trenton Musch, the team enjoys playing the game and plans on a better season next year. With many returning players, the boys are sure to do just that.



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Why did you decide to play tennis this year?

Trenton Musch:  
"The sport is enjoyable, and the team is really close."

Roman Villegas:  
"I joined tennis last year, and I ended up really liking it."

1) Freshman **Gage Oliver** dives to try to save the ball. 2) Junior **Tyler Swartz** warms up before a match on against Hanover. 3) **Bryce Crews** (front) and **Jacob Grevenstuk** (back) play doubles. 4) **Jared Valentine** serves to Kouts. 5) The 2016 RCHS Boys Tennis team left to right: **Coach Cawby, Trenton Musch, Roman Villegas, Jared Valentine, Tyler Swartz, Bryce Crews, Cameron Manns, Mary Grace Heinig, Micah Moore, Gage Oliver, Jacob Grevenstuk, and Jenna Rule.**



# Girls Soccer

"Success doesn't come to those who hesitate and wait, but to those who are ready for it."

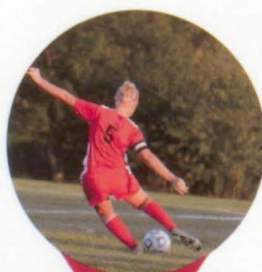
-Jodi Kaufman



The girls soccer team worked hard both before and during the 2016 season. The Lady Bombers fell short, however, in their first round of sectionals, concluding their season with a record of 9-8. The ladies are losing seven seniors this year: **Jessy Kuiper**, **Marijka Lynch-Pastoor**, **Cassie Marlow**, **Megan Massoels**, **Kelsy Spurgeon**, **Cheryl Sutton**, and **Lexie Wuethrich**. Despite losing many seniors, the Lady Bombers are expecting talented underclassmen to return next year. They are certain to come back with a vengeance.



1) Junior **Josie Hitchings** intensely clears the ball to her open offensive teammate. 2) Four year player **Jessy Kuiper** dribbles the ball up the field away from the other team's strikers. 3) Junior **Sydney Bement** steals the ball away from Wheeler Bearcats' winger and takes it up the field. 4) The 2016 RCHS Girls Varsity Soccer team including managers and assistant coach. 5) Attacking midfielder **Marijka Lynch-Pastoor** dribbles around Central Catholic's defender to score a goal for her team.



Megan Massoels:  
"Probably my ESPN shot."

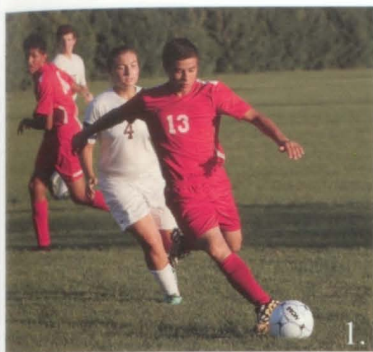


Sarah Sutton:  
"The game where almost everyone scored; it brought everyone together."

**What was your most memorable moment of the season?**



# Boys Soccer



"Foundation!"

- Coach Preston

Even though the boys soccer team didn't go as far as they would have liked, they still had a memorable season. Captains Evan Brandenburg, Braden Dobson, and Ben Hillan and other senior leaders did a great job mentoring the team. Their record at the end of the season was 10-4-3. The season ended in the first round of sectionals in a penalty shootout with Hanover Central. It was an emotional loss for the seven seniors who played their last high school soccer game. The early loss in sectionals only motivated the team to prove themselves next year.



What aspects of your game have improved the most?

Evan Brandenburg:  
"I improved the most in my goal kicks."

Alex Gull:  
"I think my passes improved the most."

1) Junior **Joe Rule** crosses the ball to the offense. 2) Four year player **Bryce Nesius** helps the defense control the midfield. 3) Senior **Ben Hillan** shows everyone how a captain should play by carrying the ball through four defenders from opposing team, Carroll High School. 4) Senior **Jacob Hall** dribbles the ball from the defensive side of the field through the entire opposing team only to miss the shot attempt. 5) The 2016 RCHS Boys Varsity Soccer team coached by Mr. Gull.



# Boys XC

"It never gets easier, you just get stronger."

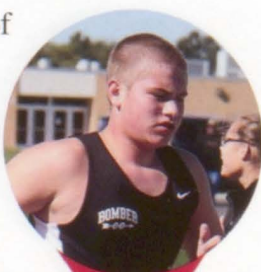
-Rodney Woudema



The boys cross country team had a great season full of happiness, dedication, and hard work. Even though they had a small team of only eight runners, they ran their hardest at every single meet. This year, the boys placed sixth at Hoosier Conference. At sectionals, the boys placed fifth, which qualified them to run at regionals. De'Shawn Warren and John Clay Anderson placed in the top twenty at sectionals. At regionals, the boys placed tenth. Even though they did not advance to semi-state, they stayed positive and continued to cheer on the girls. The team will be losing seniors De'Shawn Warren and Nathan Dunlap. Congratulations on a great season!



1) **Nathan Dunlap** fights the mud during an invitation at the beginning of the season. 2) **John Clay Anderson** crosses the finish line at sectionals. 3) Senior **De'Shawn Warren** pushes ahead of his opponents. 4) The 2016 RCHS Boys Cross Country team left to right: **Austin Parker, Steven Duncan, Rodney Woudema, John Clay Anderson, Camden Chapman, Jacob Parrish, Nathan Dunlap, and Coach Dobson**. 5) Freshmen **Rodney Woudema and Camden Chapman** push each other during a meet.



Jacob Parrish:  
"Being able to run at regionals and sectionals."



De'Shawn Warren:  
"Bonding and getting to know my teammates"

What was your favorite part of this season?



# Girls XC



"Every accomplishment starts with the dedication to try."

-Kelsie Wuethrich

The girls cross country team had an extremely successful season this year. The team put hard work and dedication into everything this season. They earned third place at Hoosier Conference. The girls went to sectionals, and placed second which qualified them to run at regionals. At regionals, they placed fifth, advancing the team to semi-state. This is the first time since 2006 the girls have qualified. While at semi-state, the girls placed 14th, and freshman Kelsie Wuethrich placed tenth, qualifying her for state. Kelsie placed 63rd out of 208 runners at state finals. The team is losing one senior, Emily Britt. Congratulations to these runners on an amazing season.



What was your goal for this season?

Hailey Henry:  
"To stay focused and qualify as a team for semi-state."



Sarah Mahnesmith:  
"To get closer with my teammates."



1) Junior **Morgan Fleming** pushes herself to finish the race to beat her personal record. 2) Freshman **Kelsie Wuethrich** puts everything into running this meet, knowing her goal is to run at state. 3) Even though the meet at Gavit involved wet running conditions, the girls began the muddy race with confidence. 4) Four year runner **Emily Britt** maintains endurance during one of her final meets as a high school athlete. 5) The 2016 RCHS girls cross country team with **Coach Dobson**.



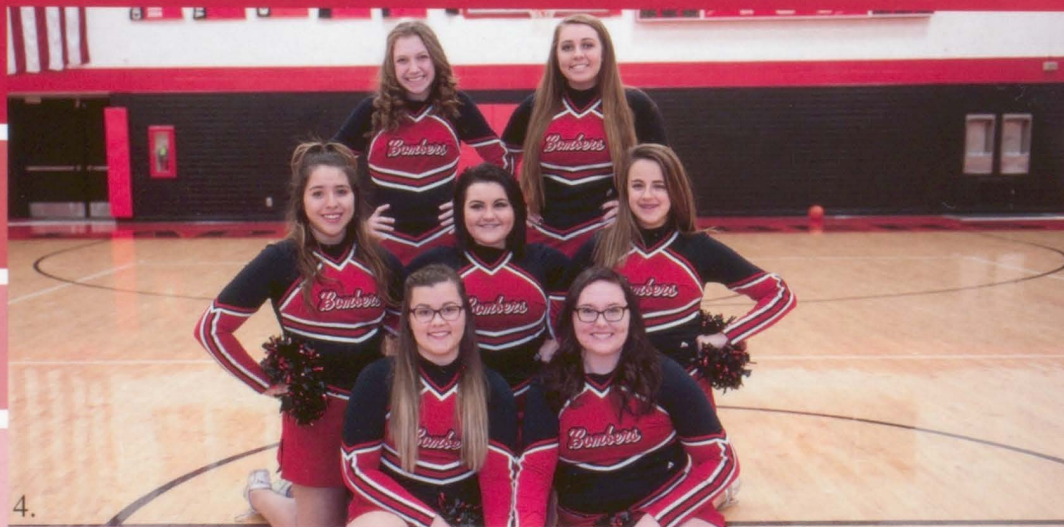
# Cheerleading

"Keep your head high, your bow higher, and your stunt highest."

-Hanna McCarthy



The 2016-17 RCHS cheerleading squad traveled to and from football fields to cheer the Bombers on each game. The first game the girls cheered for was an away game at Kankakee Valley High School. The next game was at North Newton High School, which resulted in a win. Each week, the girls meet in the cafeteria after school 4 times for practice. Over the years, there hasn't been much of a change in the cheer program, but during this year's basketball season, coach Christi Penn was hired. Christi's goal for her future years as the RCHS cheerleading coach is to train and teach the girls to be their best. Thanks to these girls for showing us how to support our Bombers!



- 1) **Morgan Hammond** cheers on the boys during a football game.
- 2) Sophomore **Abigail Pinkerman** enjoys her first year of cheerleading for the RCHS Bombers.
- 3) Senior **Maddi Clapp** motivates the pep block at our home football field.
- 4) The RCHS 2017 cheer squad (left to right front to back): **Allie Stoker, Morgan Hammond, Jennyfer Guerrero, Maddi Clapp, Jayci Byrd, Hanna McCarthy, and Haleigh Oliver.**
- 5) Junior **Allie Stoker** leads a motivating cheer.



Jade Stiltz:  
"Practicing more and having a great bond with my teammates."



Morgan Wareing:  
"Having a better bond with my team as I move onto college."

**How do you plan on improving as a cheerleader from year to year?**



# Color Guard



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"There's drama, sweat, tears, and a lifetime supply of glitter, but I'd be lying if I said I didn't love it."

-Hope Adams

The Rensselaer Central High School color and winter guard team physically astounds audiences with their unique forms of expression. This group of passionate individuals create a visual representation of the music produced by our band. They dedicate countless hours practicing to perfect their performances. In addition, their diligent hard-work paid off. The team traveled to Plainfield High School for Divisional Finals Competition, where they earned themselves gold. This diverse group of devoted students positively represent our school during each production. Students who become a part of the team form lifelong bonds of friendship and unify as a family.



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What is your most memorable moment in guard this year?

Lena Barko:  
"Probably getting sixth during marching band."

Kelsey Gilbert:  
"Getting gold for the very first time!"

1) Summer Sheffer focuses on flying her flag during halftime of a football game. 2) Color guard team members merge with the band for a performance. 3) **Emily Budd, Courtney Budd, Lena Barko, Dawn Heilman, and Anna Hase** intrigue the audience during a game. 4) **Emily Budd, Kellie Millikin, Kaya Zak-Wachter, and Chloe Brunton** gracefully dance in sync with the music for a rally. 5) **Kelsey Gilbert** tosses a rifle while **Kailey Gilbert** twirls her flag.



# Girls Swimming

"Our team has a bond; we are family in and out of season."

Ava Jackson



The RCHS Girls Swim Team had a successful season, finishing with a record of 11-5. They finished the season placing fifth in a competitive sectional meet at Crown Point High School. They had many accomplishments throughout the season, with many of the athletes PRing in their events, and even some breaking records. Swimmers Allison Arnold, Sophia Michael, Hailey Henry, and Kennedy Minter broke the school's record for the 200 meter freestyle relay. This is the second year in a row this record has been broken. Seniors leaving this year include Holly Johnson, Ava Jackson, and Kelsy Spurgeon, who will all be greatly missed by the team.



- 1) Darian McAdow gracefully dives.
- 2) Ava Jackson swims breaststroke.
- 3) The girls team celebrates a victory.
- 4) RCHS Girls Swim Team left to right: Darian McAdow, Kelsie Wuethrich, Halle Hall, Madyson Witt, Morgan Wisely, Sophia Michael, Hailey Henry, Madisyn Marchand, Katherine Lank, Daphne Dobson, Kennedy Minter, Allison Arnold, Holly Johnson, Ava Jackson, Kelsy Spurgeon, and Kali Goad.
- 5) Holly Johnson flies down the lane.



Sophia Michael:  
"Breaking a record with my best friends."



Hailey Henry:  
"Breaking records with the swim fam."

What is your favorite memory from the season?



# Boys Swimming



"If you want to be the best, you have to do things that other people aren't willing to do."

- Michael Phelps

The RCHS Boys Swim Team completed their season after their sectional swim meet at Munster High School. The athletes had some of their most successful swims of the season, and for some, of their swimming careers thus far. The highest placing Bomber swimmer at the sectional meet was sophomore Morgan Molenaar. Morgan, a two-year diver, placed fourth in the diving competition and was able to advance to the regional meet at Mishawaka. Several of the relay teams were also able to advance to the championship finals. Seniors Garrett Pinkerman and Harrison Heinig led the team throughout the season's wins and losses and will be missed in the seasons to come.



What was the most exciting thing that happened to you this season?

Garrett Pinkerman: "Either the meet against Lowell or the Golden Jock."

Stephen Duncan: "Getting a huge PR in the first meet."

1) Junior **Parker Jordan** pulls hard while swimming breaststroke. 2) **Jimi Michael** reaches for the wall as he swims backstroke. 3) **Efrain Padron** finds his wings in the butterfly. 4) **Garrett Pinkerman** and **Harrison Heinig** celebrate their senior night. 5) The RCHS Boys Swim Team left to right: **Ben Olson**, **Parker Jordan**, **Efrain Padron**, **Jacob Parrish**, **Jimi Michael**, **Bryce Powell**, **Garrett Pinkerman**, **Morgan Molenaar**, **Harrison Heinig**, and **Stephen Duncan**.





1) Jaylen Gilbert lays it in over a defender. 2) Landon Balch wants to be like Mike. 3) Grant Myers gets hyped up before the game. 4) Noah Donahue looks to inbound the ball. 5) Jerrett Nagel decides either to drive to the basket or shoot. 6) Landon Balch converts a reverse layup under the basket. 7) Grant Myers, Landon Balch, Jaylen Gilbert, and Ben Hillan set up their defense. 8) Noah Bierma looks for a teammate or a shot. 9) The 2016-2017 Boys Varsity Basketball team (left to right): Manager Shawna Philpot, Evan Brandenburg, Jerrett Nagel, Landon Balch, Jaylen Gilbert, Kobe Austin, manager Daniel Messman, Ethen Wiseman, Joey Stiltz, Jackson Hughes, Ben Hillan, Grant Myers, Noah Donahue, managers Sarah Mahnesmith, Jocelyn Polanek, and Calla Tomlinson.

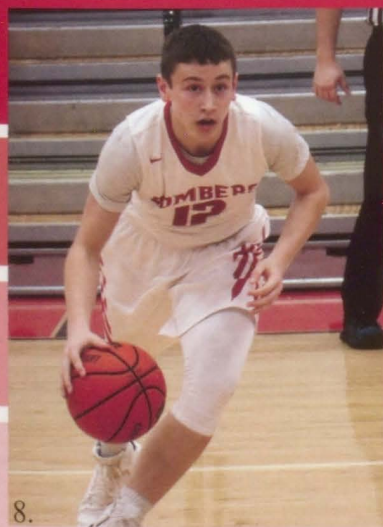


# Basketball

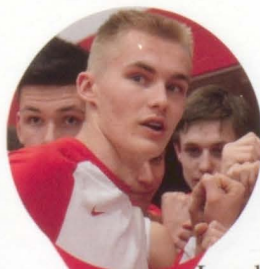
The RCHS Boys Varsity Basketball team had a triumphant year finishing the season with a record of 15 wins and 8 losses. The team advanced all the way to the sectional championship game, held on our home court, where they unfortunately fell short to an impressive Twin Lakes team. This year's varsity team consisted of 5 sharp-shooting seniors: Kobe Austin, Landon Balch, Evan Brandenburg, Ben Hillan, and Grant Myers, who headed the team in skill and leadership. These veteran players kept optimism high throughout the year. The returning players will look to improve their game for the following school year by practicing over the summer and fall. Under the guidance of Coach McFarland, the team is sure to continue improving their skills, mindsets, and teamwork. McFarland just finished his third year here, and it is obvious things are looking up as a whole for Bomber Basketball. His coaching ability, along with the drive and talent of Bomber players, ensure they will continue to improve on an already impressive program. This team has set the standard for how the game will be played in the future.

"Play hard. Play smart.  
Play together."

-Kobe Austin



**What was the most memorable aspect of your high school basketball career?**



Landon Balch:  
"Getting my first dunk."



Grant Myers:  
"Playing for a sectional championship on our home court."



Ben Hillan:  
"Putting in work every day with my teammates."



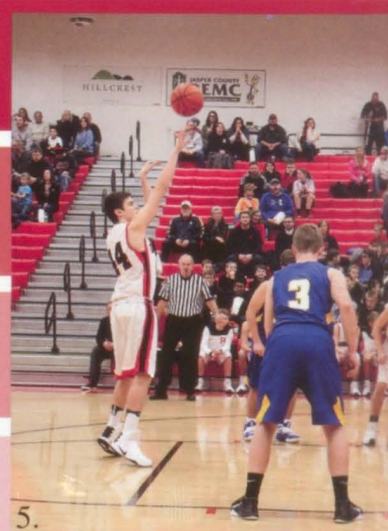
# JV Basketball

"Let's have some fun out there."

- Alex Gull



The JV boys basketball team persevered despite the rough start to the season. They faced several difficult opponents throughout the year, yet kept their spirits high even when things got tough. The coaching staff was proud of the team's efforts this year. The JV Team worked extremely hard all season to prepare themselves for every game, and their efforts were rewarded with a winning record of 12-9. Prospects for next year are looking up as several of the JV players look poised to fill important roles on the 2016-2017 team, and we wish them the best of luck on next season. Congratulations to the JV boys basketball team on another fantastic season.



1) **Noah Bierma** fights a Spartan for control of the ball with characteristic intensity. 2) Freshman **Jackson Hughes** skillfully dribbles past the opposition right before an easy layup. 3) Coach Yeager takes a second during a timeout to give an inspiring pep talk. 4) The 2016-2017 RCHS Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team coached by Dan Yeager and Ricky Montemeyer. 5) Sophomore **Ethen Wiseman** shoots a free throw.



Cory Walker:  
"LeBron James is my inspiration."



Camden Chapman:  
"Probably Michael Jordan"

Who inspired you to play basketball?



# JV Basketball



*"Just play. Have fun.  
Enjoy the game."*

*-Hannah Redlin*

The 2016-2017 JV girls basketball season was filled with tough opponents, yet every player on the team maintained positive attitudes and played their best. The players showed dedication through conditioning before the season started and early morning practices; they also committed their time to two or more games a week. The girls finished their season with a record of 8-13. The JV team this year consisted mostly of freshmen, but sophomores Lilly Davisson, Carlie Marlow, and Jaiden Luttrell showed the freshmen how teamwork, hard work, and sportsmanship affects the game. Even though the season flew by, the girls are excited for what next year will bring.



**What did  
you  
improve on  
most this  
season?**

Kinzey Goodman:  
"I improved my  
confidence."

Lilly Davisson:  
"Probably my  
shot"

1) Sophomore **Jaiden Luttrell** and freshman **Kinzey Goodman** prepare for the start of the second half. 2) **Carlie Marlow** looks for the best opening to pass the basketball. 3) Freshman **Shelby Hofferth** and sophomore **Carlie Marlow** guard the shooting guard for Delphi. 4.) Forward **Alexis Healey** quickly takes the ball down court in hopes for a shot. 5) The 2016-2017 RCHS JV Girls Basketball team.





1) Teammates hype up junior **Morgan Fleming** before a game. 2) **Marijka Lynch-Pastoor** looks to pass to a teammate. 3) The team honors their country before a game. 4) **Bianca Radtke** plays defense. 5) Freshman **Sydney VanMeter** sets up for a free throw. 6) **Morgan Fleming** drives the ball to the basket. 7) Senior **Emily Barber** shoots a free throw after a foul. 8) Sophomore **Hayley Warne** practices before a game. 9) The 2016-2017 Varsity Girls Basketball team and coaches (left to right): **Sara Steinke, Marijka Lynch-Pastoor, Morgan Fleming, Brooklyn Radtke, Sydney VanMeter, Emily Barber, Addy Cain, Hayley Warne, Morgan Moore, Regan Rodibaugh, Bianca Radtke, Cassie Marlow, Lilly Davisson, Briana Oliver, Sarah Anderson, and Lexus Campbell.**

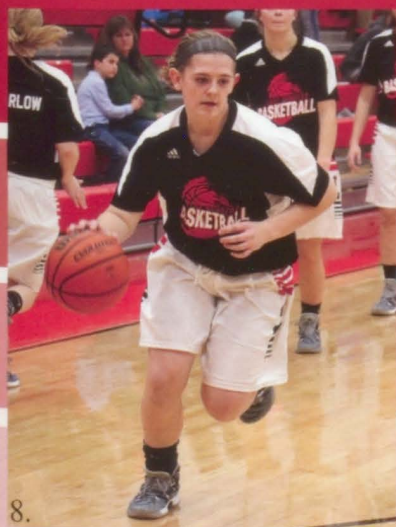


# Girls Basketball

The girls varsity basketball team had a successful season, finishing with a record of 16 wins and 9 losses. They made it to the sectional finals, where they were defeated by Andean with a final score of 73-50. The team also welcomed a new coach this year, Wes Radtke. Radtke has 10 years prior basketball coaching experience, including 3 regional titles and 1 state title. In addition to his basketball coaching experience, Radtke has coached several other sports. This is his first year as a head coach; his experience with basketball in the past was as an assistant coach. The team is losing 4 seniors: Marijka Lynch-Pastoor, Emily Barber, Regan Rodibaugh, and Cassie Marlow. These girls saw an overwhelming amount of support from the student body, who came together to create themes for each game. Players on the team were honored to get the opportunity to play in the sectional championship this year, and now have their eyes on bigger goals for next year. The team has a lot to look forward to with all the changes put in place this year, and we should expect big things in years to come from the Lady Bombers.

*"#foxhole, I have your back  
if you have mine."*

*-Brooklyn Radtke*



**Who's your  
biggest role  
model on the  
team and why?**



Brooklyn Radtke:  
"My dad because  
he gets me where  
I need to be."



Morgan Fleming:  
"Coach because  
he only accepts  
the best."



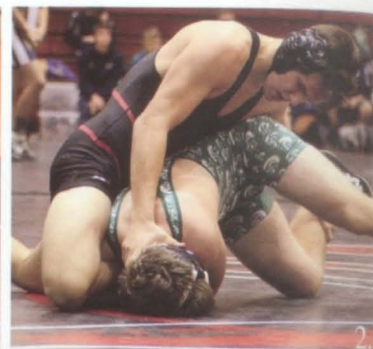
Marijka Lynch-  
Pastoor:  
"Alexis Healey,  
she always  
went 100%."



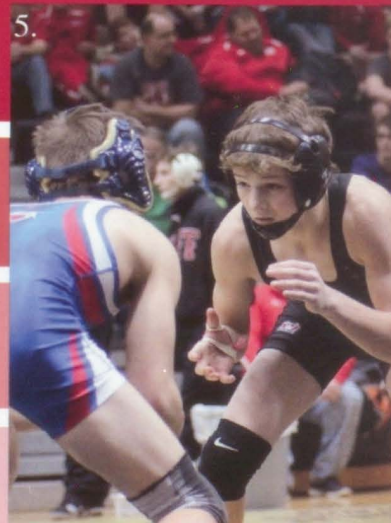
# Wrestling

"You're always one percent better than you were yesterday."

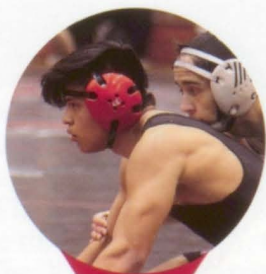
- Coach Oliver



The Bomber wrestling team has been successful these last several years thanks to the direction of Coach Oliver. Not only do the wrestlers have practice after school, they also help with the wrestling club for the youth. The boys ended their season with a record of 11-10. At the Tipton Invite, Ryne Webb got his 100th career win and won the 113 pound weight class. On senior night, he received a plaque for his efforts and for being the seventh Bomber wrestler ever to achieve this. The Bombers had seven wrestlers who advanced onto regionals. Hickman, Webb, Stanley, and Saavedra wrestled at semi-state this season; Hickman and Webb advanced to the state tournament.



1) Senior **Ryne Webb** rides his opponent's legs for the takedown against Kankakee Valley. 2) 160 pound wrestler **Colin Stanley** stuffs the head against Clinton Central at the Bronco Duals. 3) Three year wrestler **Zach Wamsley** sets up a power half to put his opponent from South Newton on his back for a pin. 4) The 2016-2017 Bomber Wrestling team 5) 106 pounder **Eli Hickman** starts off his match at the Hoosier Conference against a Lewis Cass wrestler.



Tomas Saavedra:  
"My goal is to make it out of semi-state and qualify for state."



Brayden Wright:  
"My goal next year is to make it to semi-state."

**What is your goal for next season?**



# Girls Tennis



"It doesn't matter if you win or lose, it matters that you had fun and learned something."

—Madisyn Marchand

The Lady Bombers tennis team had a great season this year. The team was coached by Sean Cawby and Ernest Watson. Cawby and Watson worked with the girls to improve their agility and strength so they play their best during games. Overall, the Lady Bombers did well in their season and played hard against many teams. The team will be losing four seniors this year: Elaine He, Ava Jackson, Holly Johnson, and Kelsey Phillips. At the end of the season, the team went to sectionals, but unfortunately lost 4-1. Senior Ava Jackson won her sectionals match and advanced to Individual Regionals. Congratulations on a great season, Lady Bombers!



What was your favorite moment of the season?

Ava Jackson:  
"Playing against KV. It was a really fun game."

Jenna Rule:  
"Jamming out with the team on the bus."

1) First year player **Trixie Maguran-Jacobson** hits a backhand at the ball during a doubles match with Mary Grace Heinig. 2) Senior **Elaine He** waits for the other team to serve while playing a singles match. 3) Three year player **Jaci Engleking** swings at the ball assisted by **Kelsey Phillips** during a doubles game. 4) **Holly Johnson** serves the ball to the other team during a doubles match against Knox. 5) The 2017 RCHS Girls Tennis team.



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1) **Landon Balch** easily clears 6 feet 5 inches in high jump at the Tri-County/South Newton meet. 2) Teammates **Stephen Duncan** and **De'Shawn Warren** run side-by-side at sectionals during the 3200 meter run. 3) Junior **Tomas Saavedra** swings his way up to 10 feet in pole vault at Hanover Central. 4) Four year distance runner **Nathan Dunlap** runs the last lap of the mile against Tri-County. 5) Junior **Martin Murillo** runs the home stretch of the 800 meter dash. 6) Varsity sprinter **Parker Jordan** finishes the 400 meter dash in hopes for a sectional title. 7) Senior **Graham Balvich** soars through the air while long jumping 17 feet 10 inches. 8) **De'Shawn Warren** runs the 4x400 meter relay against a South Newton Rebel. 9) The 2017 RCHS Boys Track Team under the direction of Coach Yeager, Coach Lyons, and Coach Cawby.



# Boys Track

The boys track team had an outstanding season this year. They won five meets, one of which was the Purdue meet, which included over 15 teams competing. The boys placed first in their conference at the Purdue meet. Without the guidance of Coach Yeager, Coach Lyons, and Coach Cawby, the boys wouldn't have been as successful. This year, the team did well at the sectional championship hosted at home. The track team will lose eight outstanding athletes this year: Landon Balch, Graham Balvich, Luke Branson, Nathan Dunlap, Pedro Hernandez, Will Spencer, Jacob Trammel, and De'Shawn Warren. They will be missed. Advancing to regionals this year were Luke Branson in discus, Landon Balch competing in high jump, and the 4x800 meter relay team consisting of De'Shawn Warren, Will Spencer, Stephen Duncan, and Jerrett Nagel. The team can contribute their success for this strong season to the daily practices including countless town runs, sprint workouts, and field event days. The boys are hopeful they will have a stronger season next year. Congratulations on a fantastic year!

*"Finish on empty."*

*John Clay Anderson*



**Who inspired you the most this season?**



Jerrett Nagel: "I'd say Coach Yeager because he is always pushing us to do our best."



Brayden Wright: "Probably Coach Yeager or my dad."



Efrain Padron: "Me. I pushed myself harder than anyone else could."



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1) Senior **Emliy Barber** puts her all into finishing her race during sectional finals. 2) Freshman **Darian McAdow** hands the baton off to **Alexis Healey** during the sprint medley relay at the Gene Edmond's Relays meet hosted at our home track. 3) **Alivia Lakin** uses her stamina in a 400 meter dash. 4) Freshman distance runner **Kelsie Weuthrich** looks toward the finish line at the end of her winning 3200 meter race. 5) **Darian McAdow** leaps over a hurdle to beat her opponents in the 300 meter hurdles at sectionals. 6) Senior **Regan Rodibaugh** flies around the last turn in her leg of the 1600 meter relay. 7) Sophomore **Meredith Lucero** finishes her 400 meter dash off strong. 8) **KT Kem** uses all her strength and energy to fiercely throw discus to become a sectional champion. 9) The 2017 Varsity Girls Track Team.



# Girls Track

The 2017 girls track team had a season filled with exciting wins despite a few upsetting losses. The only three seniors this year, Emily Barber, KT Kem, and Regan Rodibaugh, took on large roles as leaders for the entire team. These seniors helped the girls through the sectional meet to come out with a respectable second place finish. The underclassmen on the team have showed much potential. Freshman Darian McAdow was the sectional runner up in the 100 meter hurdles and the sectional champion in the 300 meter hurdles. Freshman Kelsie Wuethrich was a two-event sectional champion in the 1600 meter run and the 3200 meter run. These competitors, along with the other underclassmen, will help the team greatly in the years to come. Senior leader KT Kem became a sectional champion in the shot put and the discus with her freshman teammate Hannah Redlin as the runner up. Because of their hard work and dedication, those athletes, along with a few others, advanced to the regional meet at Portage High School against other strong teams.

"Run hard, but work harder."

- Alivia Lakin



What inspires you to do your best at every meet?



Sarah Mahnesmith:  
"My teammates."



Kenzi Hammond:  
"My family."



Hannah Redlin:  
"My mom and my family watching me."





1) The boys get together to celebrate **Jonathon Hickman's** walk off base hit. 2) **Austin VanMeter** runs back to the dugout after sliding into home plate. 3) **Austin Becker** prepares to steal second base. 4) Coach Stevens tries to pull the team together on defense. 5) Sophomore **Aidan Stevens** pitches a fast ball. 6) **Evan Brandenburg** cranks a base hit to right field. 7) The team celebrates a run in. 8) **Tyler Hannon** tries to motivate his pitcher **Austin VanMeter** during an especially tough inning. 9) The RCHS 2017 boys varsity baseball team: **Evan Brandenburg, Shawn Hofferth, Austin Becker, Austin VanMeter, Trenton McAdow, Jonathon Hickman, Ryne Webb, Zach Housman, Coach Stevens, Thadd Edelman, Joe Rule, Coach Purevich, Austin Parker, Aiden Stevens, Tyler Hannon, Jordan Owens.**



# Baseball

The boys varsity baseball team had a great season resulting in double digit wins. The boys had their first game scheduled for March 3rd against BC, but it was postponed, due to rain, to the next day at our home field. They lost 4-10 but came back the next game and won 10-8 against Tri-County. The boys kept a five winning streak the next 4 games then lost to Lafayette Central Catholic and Merrillville High School. The team then played West Lafayette and lost 9-3. The boys came back and won the next 6 games against Frontier, Cass, North Judson and the tournament against Tipton, South Newton, Winamac, and Kouts. The team started the first round of sectionals against North Newton. The boys baseball team is losing seven key players this year: Austin Becker, Evan Brandenburg, Jonathon Hickman, Shawn Hofferth, Trenton McAdow, Austin VanMeter and Ryne Webb. Even though the team will miss these seniors, next year's team is looking good. With guidance from Coach Stevens and Coach Purevich, these guys are sure to have a great 2018 season.

"You can be a kid as long as you want when you play baseball."

-Trent McAdow



If you received a full ride for baseball in college, where would you prefer to play and why?



Austin VanMeter:  
"Florida State because it is my dream school."



Preston Tanner:  
"Oregon State or Louisville because they are top two."



Ryne Webb:  
"Louisville is pretty good so probably them."



# JV Baseball

"Let's get them sticks!"

—Michael Tinich



The JV baseball team prepares rising stars from the freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes. It gives the new players the experience they need to be successful on the varsity team. The team was taught basic skills every baseball player needs to have, like the ability to make a split second decision in the middle of a play to give their team an advantage over their opponent. The players are taught to read the field and decide where the ball needs to be hit or thrown in order to have the most success. Most of the players have learned a lot this season. The team finished with the record of 6-10. They are looking forward to hopefully advance to varsity next year.



1) The JV baseball team huddles up and gets a pep talk from their coaches before a game. 2) Freshman **Eli Hickman** takes a few practice swings before entering the batting box. 3) Freshmen **Jarred Riegle** and **Preston Shuey** warm up their arms to throw during the first inning. 4) The 2017 JV baseball team coached by Jared Courtney and Michael Tinich. 5) Junior **Avery Dunlap** hits the ball sending a player home and allowing himself to make to second base.



Kiren Hesson:  
"I liked the team bonding the most."



Juan Pantoja:  
"I liked seeing our hard work in practice pay off."

**What did you like the most about this season?**



# JV Softball



"Softball has taught me what hard work really is."

- Carlie Marlow

The JV Lady Bombers finished their season this year with a record of 6-8. They worked really hard on improving their teamwork. One of the biggest struggles for the team this year was the weather. The rain and cold resulted in many hard games and several canceled games. The coaches planned practices that pushed the girls to their limits, which resulted in improved batting. With a strong freshmen class coming in, the team is sure to match up with the caliber of other teams in the area. RCHS would like to thank the coaches Chris Doyle and Mark Bilyeu for their hard work in helping the girls improve and prepare for varsity.



What did you improve on most this season?

Mackenzie Prater:  
"Definitely my batting skills."

Calla Tomlinson:  
"I've improved on my fielding."

1) The JV softball team warms up before a game. 2) Junior **Taryn Johns** runs the bases after hitting a triple. 3) **Leah Trammel**, **Katelyn Hanford**, and **Calla Tomlinson** analyze their challenging opponents from the dugout. 4) **Katelyn Hanford** prepares to catch some fly balls in the outfield. 5) The JV team: **Carlie Marlow**, **Madison Prater**, **Becca Todd**, **Alexis Bushong**, **Mackenzie Prater**, **Leah Trammel**, **Katelyn Hanford**, **Calla Tomlinson**, **Hayly Manns**, and **Sarah Sutton**.



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1) Senior **Shawna Philpot** follows through with her swing. 2) Sophomore **Hayley Warne** pitches a fast ball to the batter. 3) 3rd baseman **Hope Manns** stands ready to tag the runner. 4) The girls talk about the game plan with Coach Doyle. 5) **Sydney Potts** stretches to catch a ball getting her opponent out. 6) Senior **Cheryl Sutton** gets in her batting stance awaiting the pitch from North White. 7) Junior **Sara Steinke** smashes the ball. 8) **Alex Stevens** bats the ball hoping to advance her teammate home. 9) The RCHS Varsity Softball Team from left to right **Cheryl Sutton, Madison Clapp, Hope Manns, Blair Standish, Shawna Philpot, Alex Stevens, Bailey Craig, Becca Todd, Alexis Bushong, Madison Prater, Hayley Warne, Morgan Moore, Josie Hitchings, Sydney Potts, Kerry Branson, and Shayana Zulaski.**



# Softball

The varsity softball team had an amazing season this year. Each teammate worked their hardest to get the best record, and continued to make their team, coaches, and families proud. The girls practiced every day after school and dedicated their time to one or more games a week. This year, the girls broke the school record for wins in a season, along with the home run record. Sydney Potts now holds the career record and single season record for home runs, hitting seven in one season. Sydney wasn't the only one to experience home run success. Junior Morgan Moore got two, sophomore Hayley Warne had two, and junior Alex Stevens hit her first. The team will be losing five seniors this year: Hope Manns, Shawna Philpot, Blair Standish, and Cheryl Sutton. These seniors have contributed to this amazing team and are going to be missed. The seniors have encouraged the younger teammates to do their best at every game and practice. Despite losing these seniors, the varsity team is excited and confident they will have a great season next year.

*"It doesn't sparkle, but I guard this diamond with my life."*



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**What was your biggest accomplishment this softball season?**



Sydney Potts:  
"Hitting home runs, and setting the record."



Hayley Warne:  
"Beating the school record for most wins in a season."



Kerry Branson:  
"Improving my hitting."



# Boys Golf

"Kiss!"

- Brannon Wilmington



The Boys Golf team has had a wonderful season this year. The team had a deep roster, with plenty of talent to go around and many promising young players. Coach Feagans was happy with the team's performance and the team's prospects for next season saying, "We've got a lot of great young guns coming up." The team was led this year by a squad of four seniors: Brantley Culp, Ben Hillan, Grant Myers, and Brannon Wilmington. Hillan and Culp are four-year veterans of the team, while Wilmington and Myers began playing this year. Regardless, all of their contributions will be sorely missed in the coming year.



1) Senior **Grant Myers** sizes up a putt. 2) **Ben Hillan** crushes his drive. 3) Senior **Brannon Wilmington** sinks an impressive eagle putt. 4) The 2017 Boys Golf Team left to right: **Jacob Hall, Brantley Culp, Ben Hillan, Brannon Wilmington, Tyler Castongia, Drew Meyer, DJ Messman, Alec Schultz, Jacob Hillan, Ben Korniak, JT Feagans, Clayton Moore**, and Coach Mike Feagans. 5) **Jacob Hillan** shoots the range for his approach shot.



JT Feagans:  
"Since I was in sixth grade."



Drew Meyer:  
"I started my freshman year."

How long have you been playing golf?



# Unified Track



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"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in attempt."

*Athlete Oath*

The RCHS unified track team consists of 6 athletes and 3 RCHS student coaches. The team practices three nights a week after school on the high school track and in the halls of the school. There are five events in unified track meets: two field events and three running events. The field events are shot put and long-jump, and the running events are 100m dash, 4x100m relay, and the 400m dash. Athletes and coaches host home meets and travel to compete against other unified track teams in the area. There are four seniors leaving the team: Robert Berg, Joseph Kruczek, Tyana Stone, and Adrian Voeller. Their enthusiasm and sportsmanship will be greatly missed.



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**What is your favorite thing that you do in unified track?**



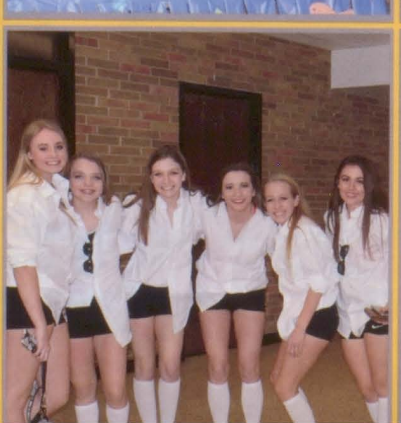
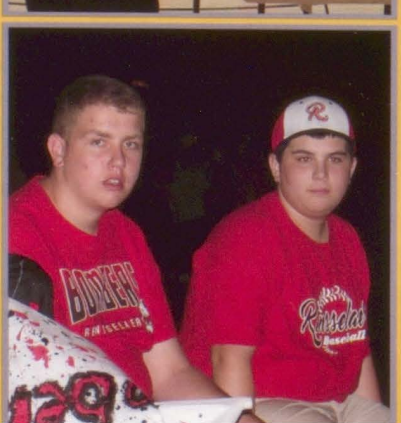
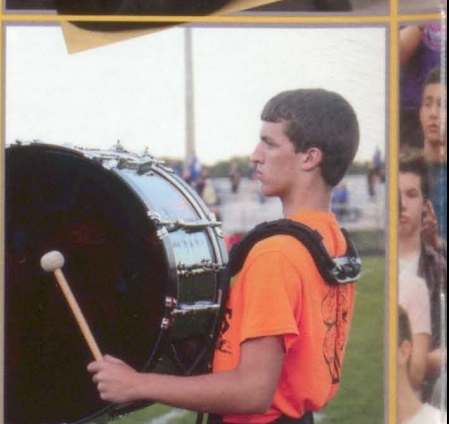
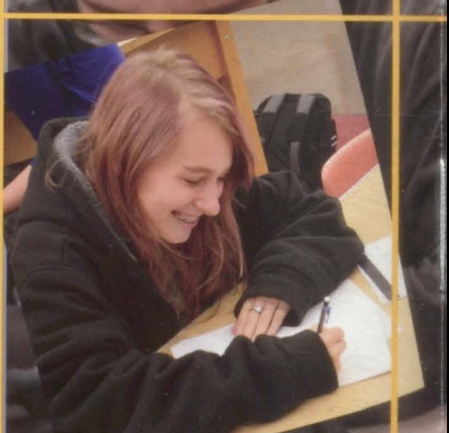
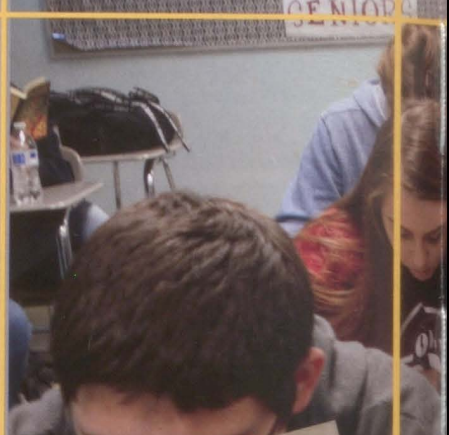
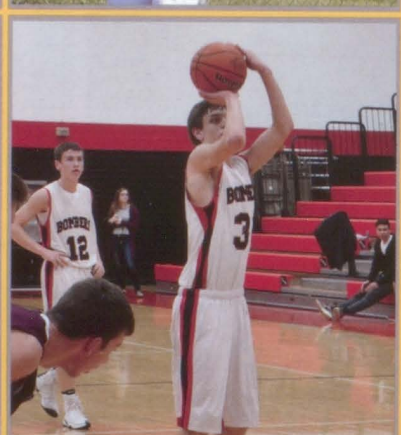
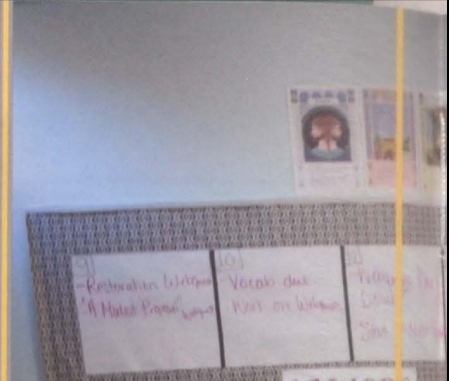
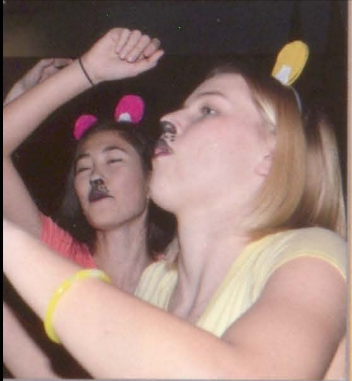
Jeremiah Staddon:  
"I like running fast and having fun with friends."



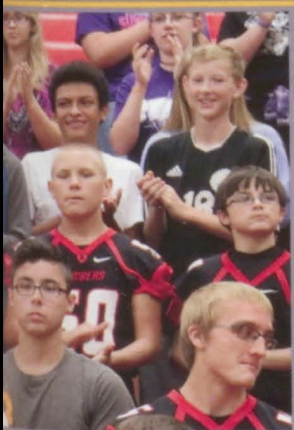
Robert Berg:  
"I like running the 100m and throwing shot put."

1) Senior **Joseph Kruczek** receives an award at the unified track banquet held in Mrs. Kurdelak's room. 2) Sophomore **Abigail Pinkerman** runs the 100 meter dash. 3) Unified track athletes **Joseph Kruczek**, **Jeremiah Staddon**, and **Adrian Voeller** prepare for their events at the sectional meet alongside RCHS student athletes. 4) Senior **Tyana Stone** sets herself up to throw shot put. 5) The unified track team along with student teammates and coaches at an event during RCHS field day.









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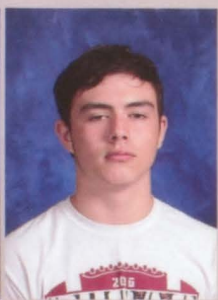
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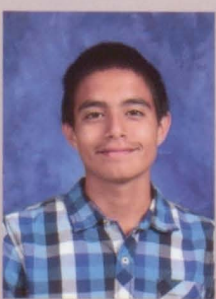
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Halle Hall



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Anna Hase



Alexis Healey



Mary Grace Heinig



Brienna Henry



Kiren Hesson



Elijah Hickman



Jacob Hillan



Michael Hittle



Shelby Hofferth



Jackson Hughes



Breanna Jackson



Elijah Kosiba



Alivia Lakin



Jacob Lewandowski



Andrew Longstreth



Trixie Maguran-Jacobson



Sarah Mahnesmith



Madisyn Marchand



Francisco Mata



Darian McAdow



Beth McCallister



Hanna McCarthy



Haley McElroy



Matthew McGowan





Kenzie McIntosh



Mark McNeal



James Michael



Jacob Miller



Alan Minix



Kennedy Minter



Julian Miranda



Micah Moore



Aiyana Morrow



Kellie Mullikin



Alex Murillo



Clayton Nagel



Braden Nesius



Caden Oatey



Gage Oliver



Haleigh Oliver



Sean Osborne



Jayro Padilla-Carrera



Jacob Parrish



Tia Piatt



Corbin Pierson



Kaden Pinkerman



Cicily Porter



Mackenzie Prater



Madison Prater



Maya Rayburn



Hannah Redlin



Nicholas Reed



Tayanna Reid



Ethan Riegle



Jarred Riegle



Denis Rivera



Jorge Rodriguez



Cruz Rule



Angel Saavedra





Catherine Sadler



Blake Schultz



Wyatt Schultz



Piper Sell



Summer Sheffer



Preston Shuey



Caitlin Snyder



Luke Standish



Jade Stiltz



Ashton Stone



Pierce Taylor



Easton Thomas



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Jamie Walter



Cameron Wareing



Byron Williams



Kenneth Wilson



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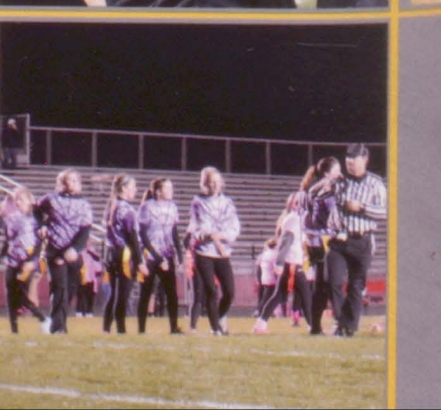
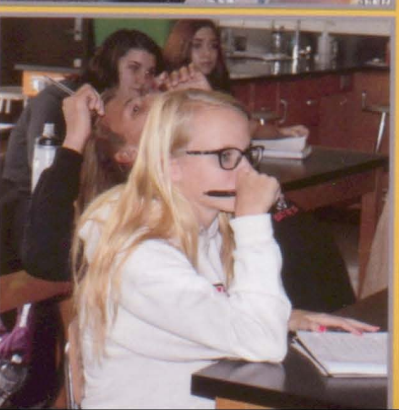
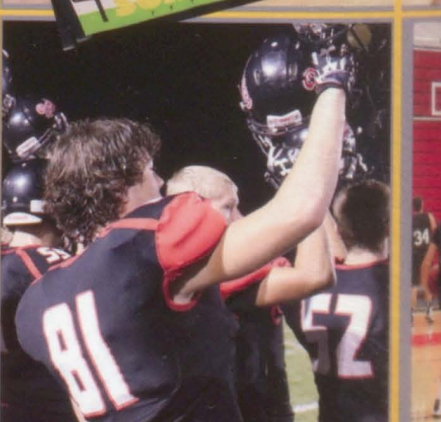
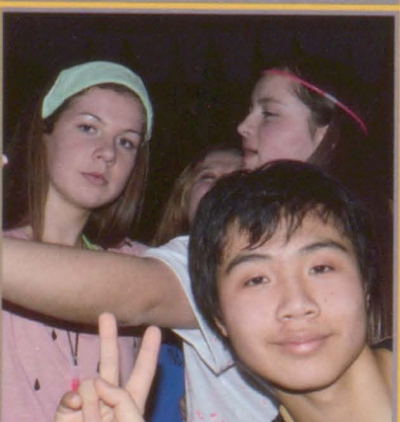
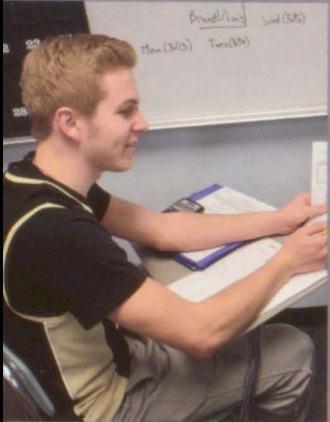
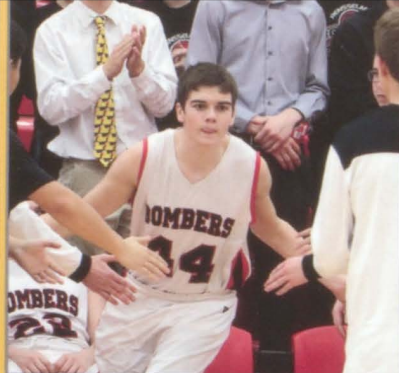
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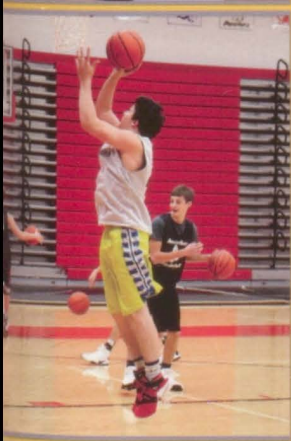
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# Sophomores Class of 2019





Jordan Adams



Jarrett Allen



Karlee Austin



Samuel Banister



Ashton Bausman



Demitri Bausman



Shilo Bierman



Maygan Binge



Kiara Britt



Alexis Brouwer



Haley Brouwer



Braden Brunton



Daulton Bufkin



Alexis Bushong



Jaycinda Byrd



Jessie Casbon



Cody Castaldo



Tyler Castongia



Damon Cavinder



Mahesh Chaganti



Jon Chastain



Legacy Claussen



Jaylynn Conley



Chrisjon Coran



Jane Cox



Bailey Craig



Madison Culbreth



Gabe Davis



Lillian Davisson



Daphne Dobson



Noah Donahue



Makenzi Fisher



Ian Fitch



Kelsie Floyd



Brittney Galey





Evan Gerlach



Diana Gonzalez



Jeffery Green



Eli Gross



Jenny Guerrero



Hilary Hall



Keegan Hammersley



Leah Harvey



Madison Haynes



Joshua Heilman



Jose Hernandez



Beth Hopkins



Zach Housman



Claire Hurley



Haylie Joseph



Michael Kelly



Mason Klahn



Tyler Koza



Katherine Lank



Miranda Lennex



Xueming Li



Courtnee Lloyd



Meredith Lucero



Jaiden Luttrell



Abbigale Mahan



Frank Manka



Hayly Manns



Zackery Manns



Carlie Marlow



Austin Martinez



Bailey Mathew



Charlie McCafferty



Anna McCallister



Ethan McKinsey



Daniel Messman





Drew Meyer



Jennifer Moe



Jessica Moe



Morgan Molenaar



Trenton Musch



Jerrett Nagel



Lovel Nugent



Benjamin Olson



Anthony Orr



Zackery Orr



Fabian Orta



Alexis Osman



Collin Ott



Juan Pantoja



Raymond Peda



Abigail Pinkerman



Zachary Plant



Austin Pochon



Jocelyn Polanek



Sydney Potts



Bryce Powell



Spencer Pruitt



Bianca Radtke



Brennon Randolph



Drew Rentschler



Hailey Ricci



Joshua Rich



Jessey Roberts



Rider Roberts



Ashley Rollins



Dale Sampson



Blake Sargent



Alec Schultz



Erin Shupe



Keri Sigman





Blake Smart



Owen Smith



Sierra Smith



Fredrick Stath



Aidan Stevens



Joey Stiltz



Tessa Stone



Sarah Sutton



Destiny Taylor



Seth Thomas



Becca Todd



Leah Trammel



Tobias Travis



David Ulm



Jared Valentine



Daniel Vansach



Gracie VanWienen



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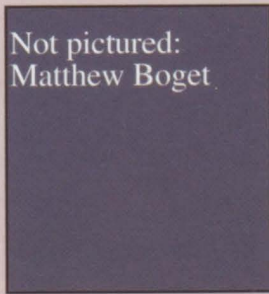
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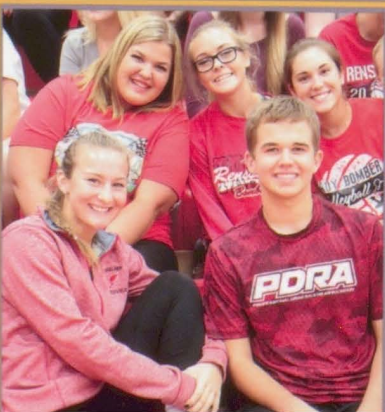
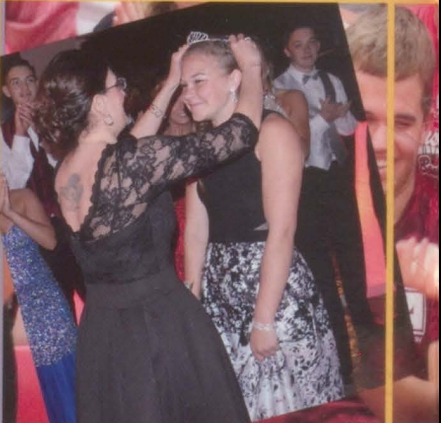
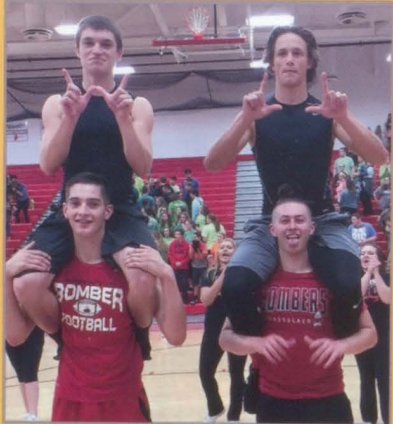
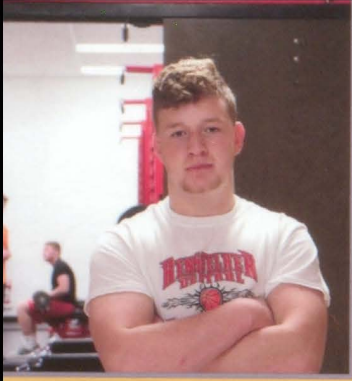


Brayden Wright



Not pictured:  
Matthew Boget









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*Juniors*

*Class of 2018*





Isaac Ahler



Emily Anderson



John Clay Anderson



Allison Arnold



Kaitlyn Baize



Ashlyn Banks



David Barden



Matthew Barker



Sydney Bement



Ruby Blake



Ashley Blystone



Kourtnee Boose



Kevin Bracht



Kerry Branson



Kaitlynn Brown



Erika Brownfield



JT Bryant



Courtney Budd



Hailey Bufkin



Dylan Bushong



Addy Cain



Cody Carter



Mason Chapman



Megan Chops



Skyler Cooper



Drew Copas



Haley Cox



Bryce Crews



Hunter Davisson



Conner DeVault



Carly DeWees



Cameron Dobson



Avery Dunlap



Thadd Edelman



Jaci Engleking







Eric Equihua



Carmon Erb



JT Feagans



Mackenzie Flanigan



Morgan Fleming



Aubrey Garcia



Mark Garrity



Faith Gastineau



Jaylen Gilbert



Kelsey Gilbert



Breanna Gunter



Hannah Hall



Morgan Hammond



Katelyn Hanford



Tyler Hannon



Dawnn Heilman



Hailey Henry



Josie Hitchings



Taryn Johns



Parker Jordan



Parker Kingman



Baylee Klawitter



Benjamin Korniak



Abby Kozyra



Sarah Leonard



Melaina Lockard



Jacob Magruder



Cameron Manns



Lillian Martin



Luis Martinez



Angel McElroy



Lauren McGowan



Sophia Michael



Benjamin Mihalich



Mariah Miller





Kylee Minter



Tavia Minton



Kendall Mitchell



Autumn Moody



Natalie Moody



Berea Moore



Clayton Moore



Collin Moore



Drew Moore



Morgan Moore



Tanner Morey



Martin Murillo



Kathryn Myers



Hunter Neff



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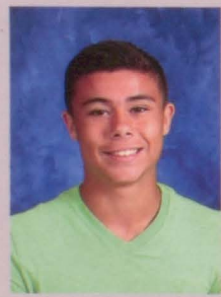
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Mayra Rodriguez



Jenna Rule



Joe Rule



Jalynn Rush



Tomas Saavedra



Brice Sargent



Jonathan Shireley



Logan Smart



Jeremiah Staddon





Colin Stanley



Lily Steinke



Sara Steinke



Alexandria Stevens



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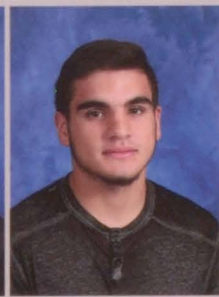
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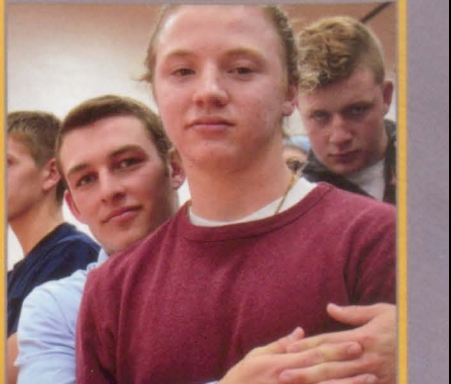
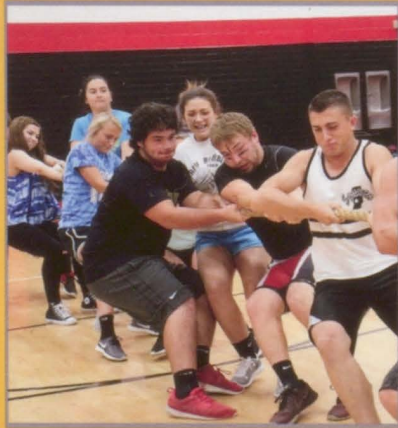
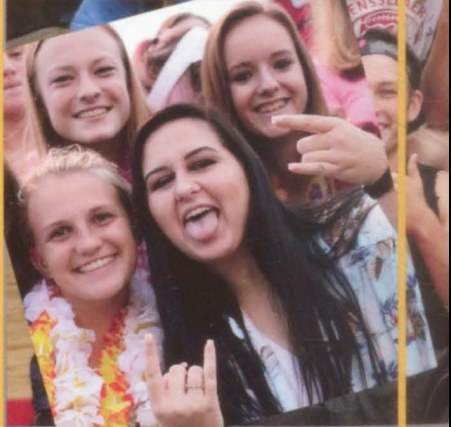
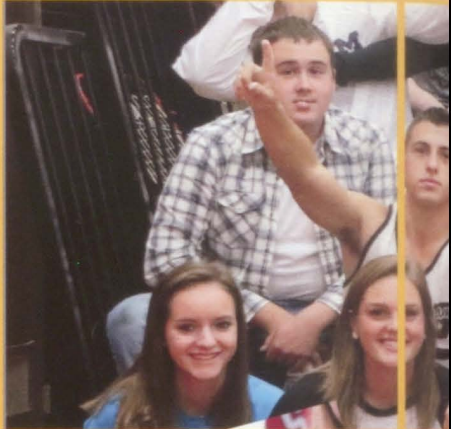
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 Jacob Early  
 Melissa Hobbs  
 Jordan Owens  
 William Pappas  
 Cianna Williams









Seniors

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# Rensselaer Central High School Seniors

**Hope Adams**

I plan to attend Ivy Tech then transfer to a 4 year college for Art Education. I want to teach art and sell my work on the side.

"Your handwriting, the way you walk, which china pattern you choose, it all gives you away. Everything you do is a self-portrait. Everything is a diary."  
- Chuck Palahniuk



**Brianna Angel**

I plan on graduating college, becoming a librarian, finding the love of my life, and having a family.

"Even if the vast numbers make you feel insignificant, just know that even one person can move mountains. Each and every one of you can be the start of something incredible."  
- Mark Fischbach

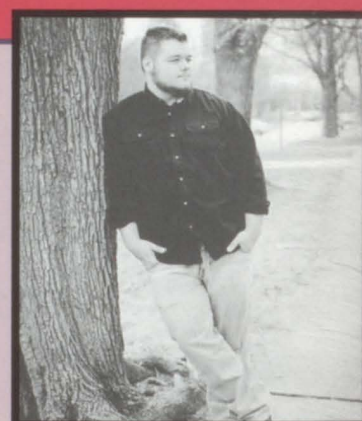


**Courtney Arndt**

I plan on attending Purdue and obtaining a Bachelor's degree in something to be announced at a later date. I hope to one day join the Peace Corps and travel the world.



**Jordan Arnett**



**Maddie Augustine**

I plan to go to IUPUI and receive a medical degree in my field of choice.

"Don't depend too much on anyone in this world, because even your shadow leaves when you are in darkness."



**Kobe Austin**

I want to open a successful business and start a family.

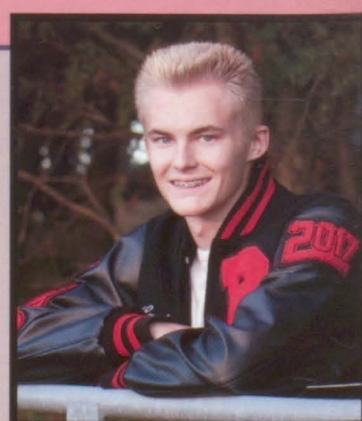
"High school definitely flies by."



**Paige Austin**



**Landon Balch**





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**Graham Balvich**

I plan to own and run a successful business.

"Anyone who thinks my story is anywhere near over is sadly mistaken."  
- Donald Trump



**Austin Becker**

I plan on attending Purdue for exploratory studies.

"See kids? I told you I was hot in high school!"



**Emily Barber**

I plan on attending University of Saint Francis to earn a pre-chiropractic degree while also playing volleyball.

"We didn't realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun."



**Robert Berg**

My plan is to work and go to college.

"Nothing starts until you take action."  
- Sonic the Hedgehog



**Anna Barradas**

I want to be a welder.

"Well, you're the artist."  
- Ms. Gladstone.



**Richard Bokodi**



**Libby Barton**

"I don't want to talk about it."



**Heaven Bockwaller**



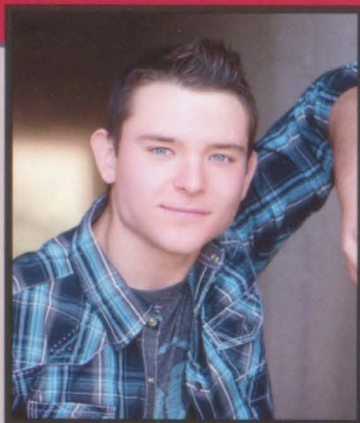
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**Evan Brandenburg**

I plan to study exercise science and physical therapy at The University of Indianapolis.

"For me, life is continuously being hungry. The meaning of life is not simply to exist, to survive, but to move ahead, to go up, to achieve, to conquer."

-Arnold Schwarzenegger



**Autumn Bulington**

I plan to further study Wumbology in college.

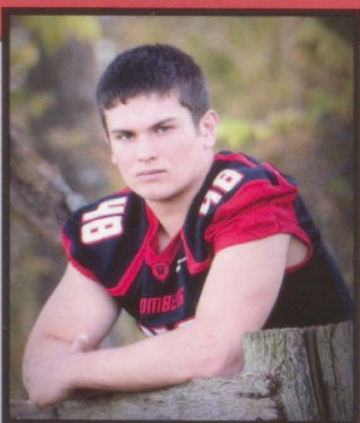
"Life is like a fart, sometimes you have to go about it slow or else it might be explosive."

- Autumn Bulington 2k17



**Luke Branson**

I plan to go to ISU where I will play football and eventually get my masters in accounting. I hope to own my own business.



**Brandt Cain**

I plan to graduate college, pursue a job in law enforcement, and start a family.

"You're the biggest opponent you'll ever encounter."

-Adonis Creed

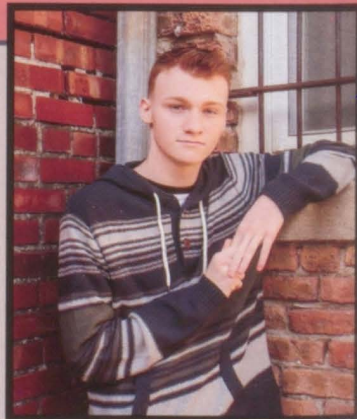


**Emily Britt**

I plan on going to IUPUI, then living with 20 cats in London doing shenanigan things.



**Brandon Calhoun**



**Chloe Brunton**

I plan to become a certified welder and open an auto repair shop where I can work on the bodies of vehicles as well as the motors.

"Every wound will shape me, every scar will build my throne."

-Bring Me the Horizon



**Madison Clapp**

I plan on going to Ivy Tech in Lafayette and joining their Respiratory Care program.

"People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing everyday."



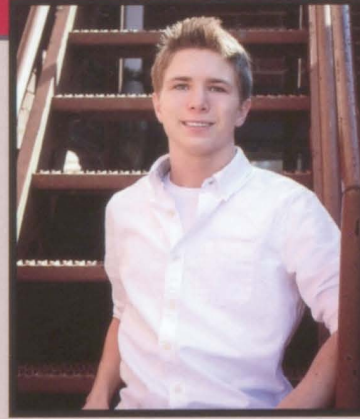


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**Christina Clendenin**

"They say good things come to those who wait, so I'm gonna be at least an hour late." - Kanye West



**Braden Dobson**

I plan on attending the University of Toledo and pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice.

"If no one comes back from the future to stop you from doing it, then how bad of a decision can it really be?"

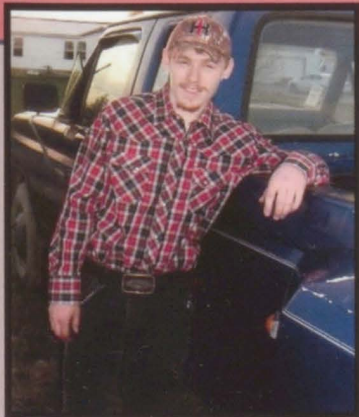


**Kyle Clevenger**



**Austin Doyle**

"Everyone has a mountain they have to climb. So if I were you, I'd get my butt in gear and start climbing."  
-my mom



**Matt Coffey**



**Nathan Dunlap**



**Brantley Culp**



**Kayla Fishtorn**

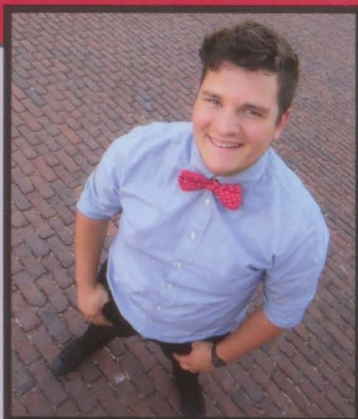


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**Ezekiel Gastineau**

Hopefully become a drummer for a traveling worship band.

"I'd like to thank Google, Wikipedia, and whoever invented copy and paste."



**Cody Goodman**

I plan to attend ICC to further my education and judge livestock. After college, I hope to raise top of the line club cattle and trade sheep as well.

"Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon."



**Natali Gastineau**

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

- Nelson Mandela



**Heidi Goodman**

My plans are to go to beauty school in the fall.



**Chase Gibson**



**Amber Green**



**Gina Giramonti**

I plan on getting a degree in social work then moving out of Indiana to start a beautiful family.

"That diploma you hold in your hands today is really just your learner's permit for the rest of the drive through life. Remember you don't have to be smarter than the next person, all you have to do is be willing to work harder than the next person."



**Aliah Gunter**





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**Thomas Gutwein**

I plan to go to Purdue and study Animal Science. After Purdue, I hope to attend vet school and be a large animal veterinarian.

"A mile of highway will take you a mile, but a mile of runway will take you anywhere." - Unknown



**Lindsey Henderson**

I will be going to college to study creative writing. After college, I plan to move somewhere warm where I will spend my time reading books and writing. I might get married if I meet a man I can tolerate for the rest of my life. If not, I will be content to just be a rich cat lady.



**Jacob Hall**



**Connor Hendrix**



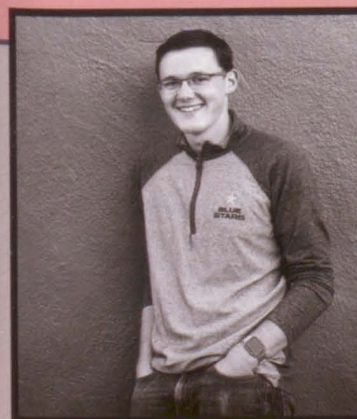
**Elaine He**

I plan to attend CUNY Baruch College then eat my way around the world.



**Pedro Hernandez**

I plan to go to Ivy Tech and major in exercise science. After that, I want to become a physical therapist.



**Harrison Heinig**

I plan on attending Ohio Northern University and majoring in Computer Science and International Theatre Production.

"Change is inevitable... working with change is what creativity is about."  
- Ed Catmull



**Jonathon Hickman**

I plan to attend Valpariso University and major in communications.

"I have no idea what I'm doing, but I know I'm doing it really well."  
- Andy Dwyer



# Rensselaer Central High School Seniors

**Benjamin Hillan**



**Holly Johnson**

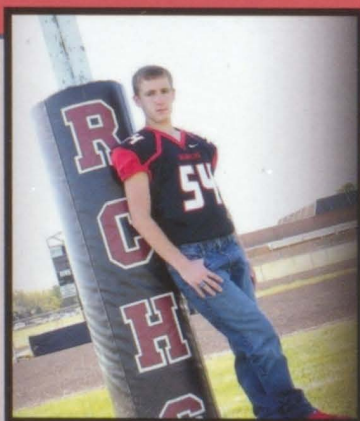
I plan to go to IUPUI and study forensic and investigative sciences.

"Shoot for the moon, even if you miss you will land among the stars."

- Les Brown



**Shawn Hofferth**



**Beth Jones**



**Trenton Hornbeck**



**Dakota Jones**

I plan to attend IUPUI and major in nursing while living with my bkf (best kitty forever), Elsa.

"High school taught me how to wake up at 8 o'clock and get to school at 8:04."



**Ava Jackson**

I want to study engineering at Purdue. Then, get a job that allows me to travel the world.

"You can't spell savage without Ava."



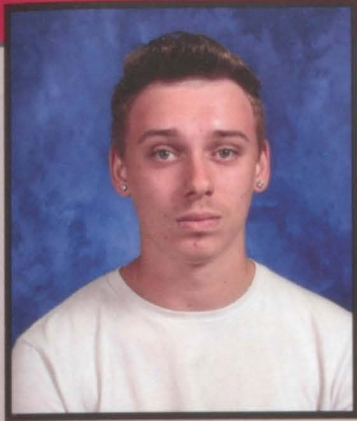
**Bryce Jordan**





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**Jordan Justice**



**Reece Kingler**



Start a business in the area.

"But did you die?"

**KT Kem**



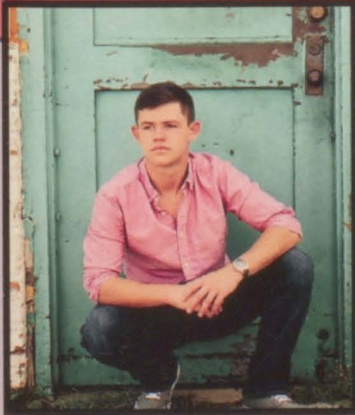
I plan on attending IUPUI, and studying psychology.

"Trying is the first step towards failure."  
- Homer Simpson

**Joseph Kruczek**



**Blake Kenworthy**



**Jessy Kuiper**



**Bryce Kingman**



I plan on joining the army.

**Levi KuKosh**





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**Jeffery LaHue**

I plan to join the Marines.



**Miranda Lindahl**



**Jesse Lichte**

"Take your hat off."  
- Principal Jones



**Katherine Long**

I plan to go to Ivy Tech, transfer to IUN, become an ultrasound technician and move to Tennessee.

"God gives His hardest battles to his strongest soldiers."



**Keisha Lilly**

I plan on attending Ivy Tech and getting my degree in Dental Hygiene.

"No." - Rosa Parks



**Paige Longstreth**



**Collyn Linback**



**Marijka Lynch-Pastore**

After high school, I plan to go to Holy Cross College and get a degree. After that, I plan on starting my career, starting a family, and moving to a nice family town to raise my children.

"Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved." - Pooh, Winnie the Pooh





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**Hope Manns**



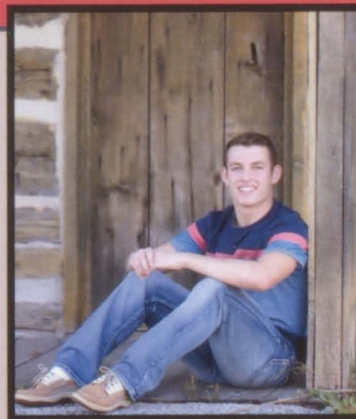
**Luke Matlocks**



**Cassandra Marlow**

I plan to major in Sociology and Pre-Law with minors in Spanish and Adolescent Education. I plan to attend law school after college and join a law firm, specializing in children's cases.

"You could never truly see the movies in my head."  
- Min Green in Why We Broke Up by Daniel Handler



**Trenton McAdow**

I plan to attend Ivy Tech and one day become a baseball/football coach and have a beautiful, happy family.  
"Be the Rolex wearin', diamond ring wearin', kiss stealin', wheelin' dealin', limousine ridin', jet flyin' son of a gun. Wooooo." - Ric Flair



**Megan Massoels**

I plan to go to IUPUI to study Biology & American Sign Language then become a special needs pediatrician.

"Rock out with your crocs out."



**Rebeka McCafferty**



**Saige Mathew**



**Terry McCallister**



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**Terry McElroy**



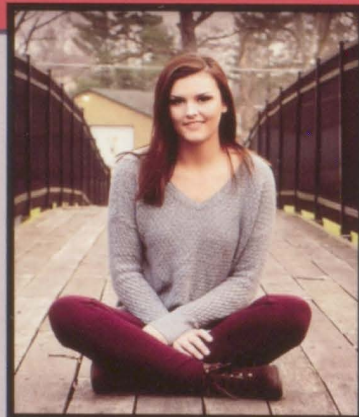
**Carson Morrow**



**Hanna McNeal**

I plan on attending Indiana State University and getting out of here.

"Not a chance."



**Mariah Murray**

Go to college and become a pediatric nurse. Get a job, have a family of my own, and live a happy, fulfilling life.

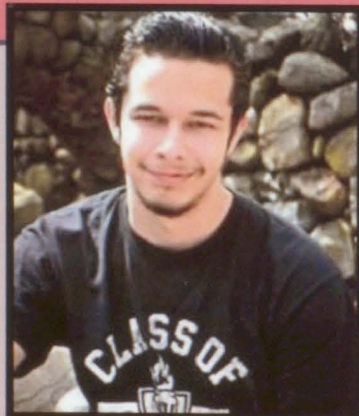
"Our lives are before us, our pasts are behind us, but our memories are forever with us."



**Nicholas Moe**

Work and wait for a challenge.

"May the force be with you."



**Grant Myers**

I plan to attend Purdue.

"America. Jesus. Freedom."  
- Cam Brady



**Ethan Morris**



**Bryte Nesius**

I plan on attending Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology then working at Tesla Motors.

"Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you!"





# Class of 2017



**Jessie Padron**



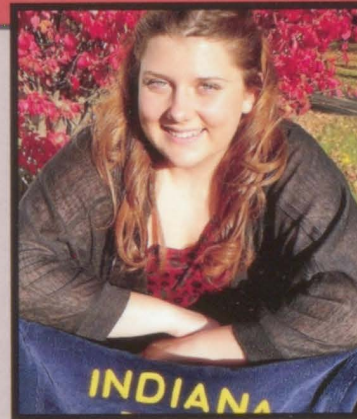
**Ryan Ricci**



**Kelsey Phillips**

I plan to attend Purdue.

"Take pride in how far you have come & have faith in how far you can go."



**Hannah Ritter**

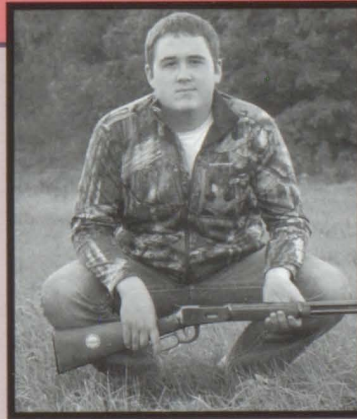
"Life is tough, but it's tougher when you're stupid." - John Wayne



**Shawna Philpot**

I plan to attend USI and major in Nursing to become an RN, minor in Occupational Therapy and ASL, get a job in a trauma center, and get married and start a family.

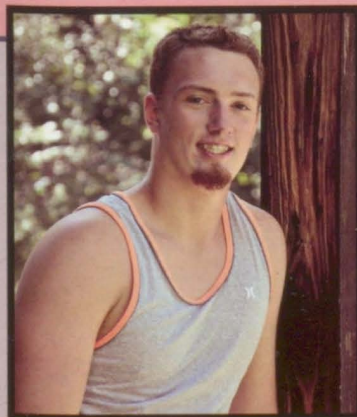
"Love every, moment, 'One More Time' soon becomes 'One Last Time.'" - Unknown



**Ryan Ritter**

I plan to continue working for a livestock transportation company.

"A man's got to have a code, a creed to live by." -John Wayne.



**Garrett Pinkerman**

I plan to attend Vincennes University and study conversation of law.

"Use your loaf."



**Regan Rodibaugh**

I plan to graduate from Purdue University, become a speech therapist, and start a family.

"Keep smilin' keep shinin'."



# Rensselaer Central High School Seniors

**Alyssa Sheets**

I plan on attending Ivy Tech and studying to be a Dental Hygienist, while staying home and saving up money.

"High school is fun," they said, "High school is easy," they said.



**William Spencer**



**Ricky Shupe**

I plan on attending Purdue and majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

"Yes."



**Kelsy Spurgeon**

I plan on going to Ball State to study exercise science.



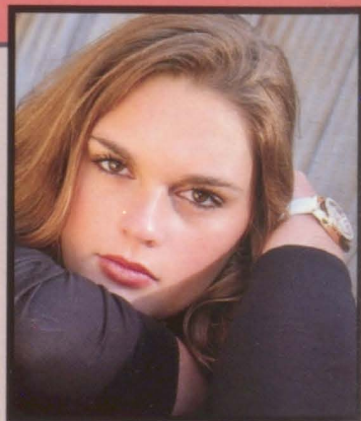
**Kameron Smart**



**Blair Standish**

To get my Associates degree in AG Business from Lake Land College.

"Live each day to its fullest because you never know what tomorrow brings."



**Shannon Snow**



**Jarred Stone**





# Class of 2017

**Tyana Stone**



**Addison Trapp**



I plan to attend Butler University, and I hope to study abroad.

"I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring."  
- David Bowie

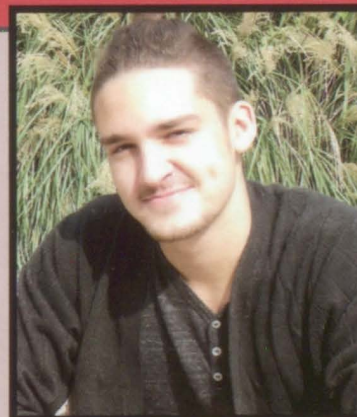
**Cheryl Sutton**



I plan on attending Purdue University and traveling and eventually own a pug farm.

"I have no idea what I'm doing, but I know I'm doing it really, really well." - Parks and Rec

**Jaidin Urbanski**



**Kylie Taylor**



**Austin VanMeter**



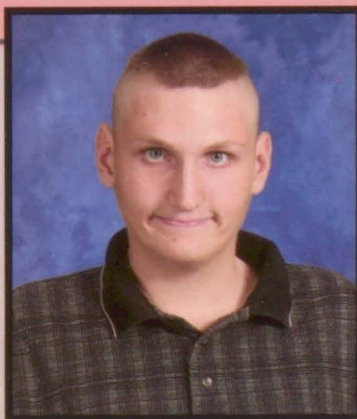
I plan on dropping bombs on and off the field at Manchester.

"We out here at the birthday party."

**Jacob Trammel**



**Adrian Ueller**

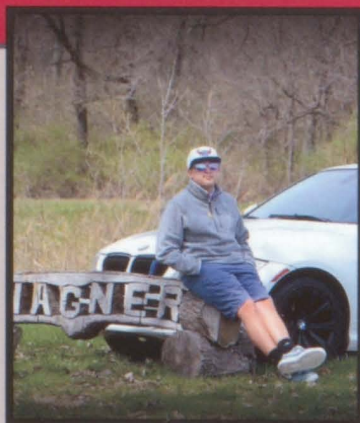




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**Derek Wagner**

"Tryna quit."



**David Warran**



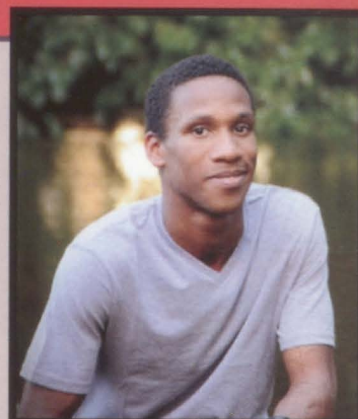
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**De'Shawn Warren**

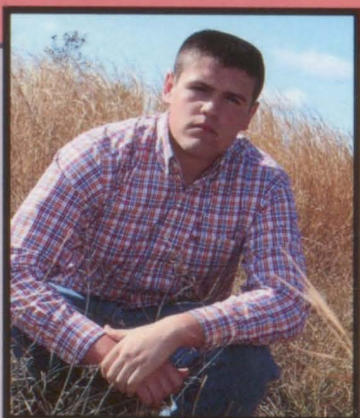
Become a Civil Litigation Lawyer.

"Champions perform better, when it's hard to perform."

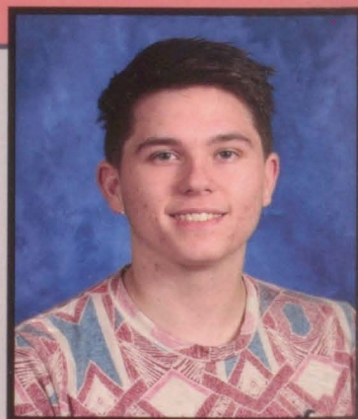


**Zachary Wamsley**

"Hit 'em hard, hit 'em low. Come out on top."  
- Muhammad Ali



**Hunter Warren**



**Morgan Wareing**

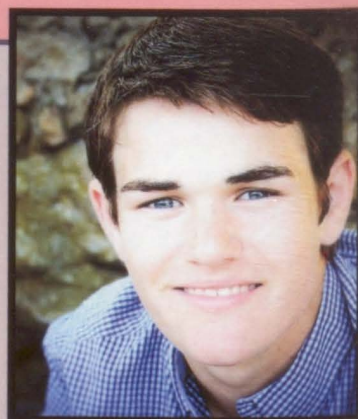
I plan to attend Manchester University and become a kindergarten teacher.

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams; live the life you have imagined."  
- Henry David Thoreau



**Ryne Webb**

I plan to attend Indiana State University to pursue a doctoral in phsycial therapy.





# Class of 2017



**Brannon Wilmington**

I plan to attend the University of North Texas for Business.

"The best there is. Plain and simple." -Ricky Bobby



**Christina Ziese**

I plan to move to Georgia for college, and then I wish to travel the world and have a family.

"Foods before dudes."



**Alexis Wuethrich**

I plan to go to UIndy, major in nursing, and never come back to Rensselaer.

"Fries before guys."



**Caylynn Mroczek**

"Beautiful memories silently kept, of one that we loved and will never forget."

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**Chandler Yeoman**

I plan on being a high school Band Director and influencing the lives of as many young musicians as possible.

"The Earth has music, for those who listen..."

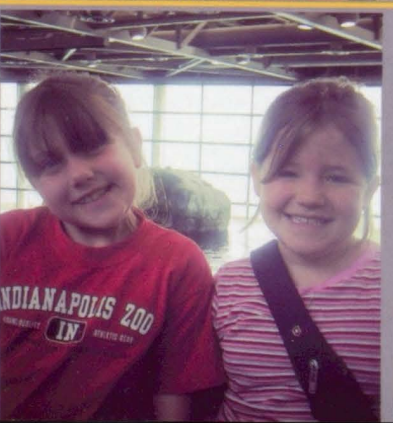
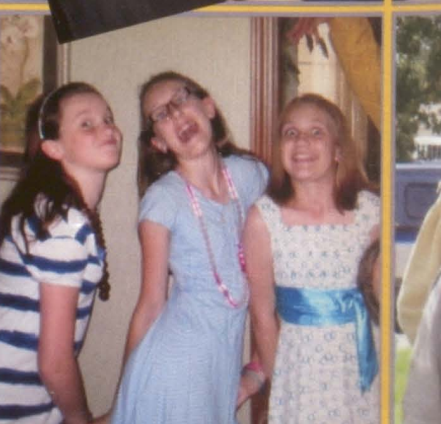
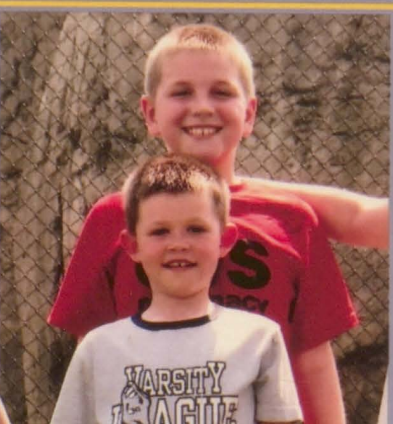
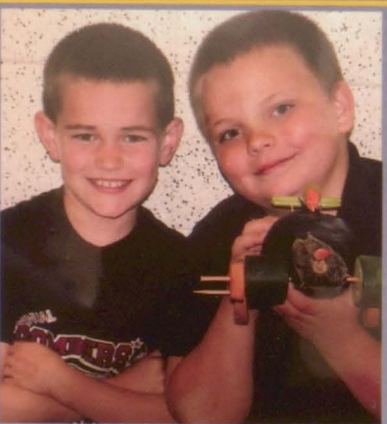
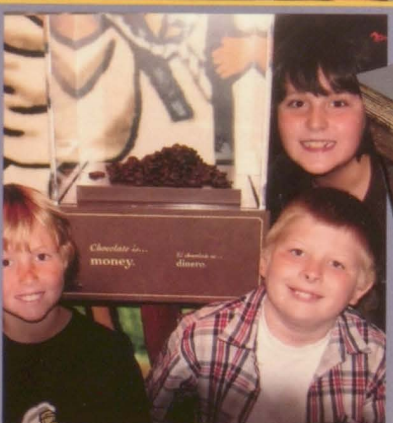
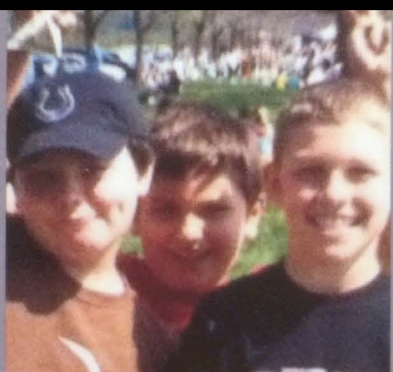
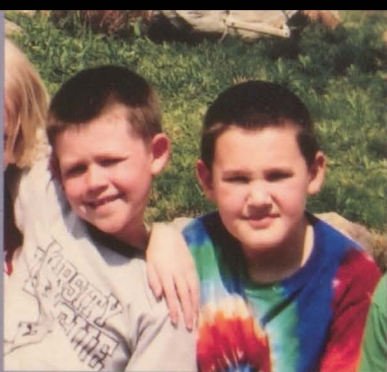
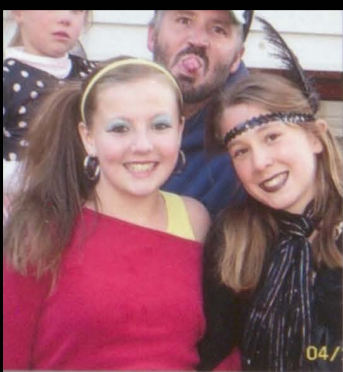


**Amy Zieba**

I plan on growing old cutting people open.

"We're adults. When did that happen? And how do we make it stop?"  
- Meredith Grey









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# Class of 2017

## Younger Years



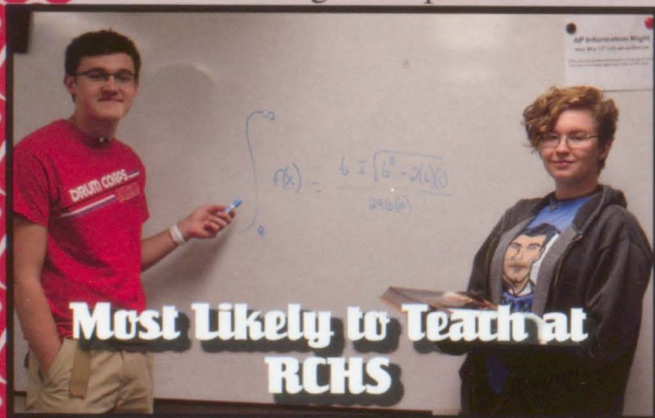
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Kelsy Spurgeon & Bryce Jordan



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Dakota Jones & Austin Doyle



## Senior Superlatives

Tommy Gutwein & Ava Jackson



Hope Adams & Tommy Gutwein



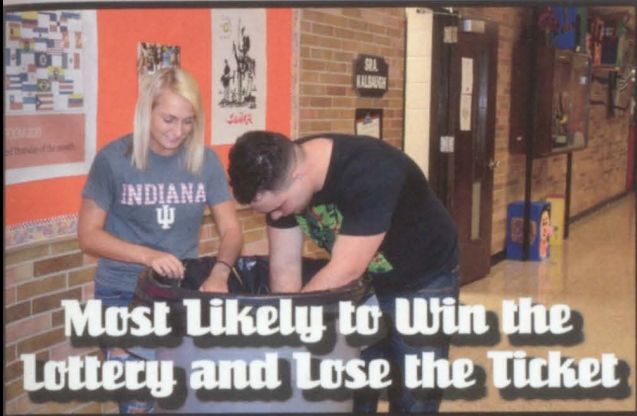
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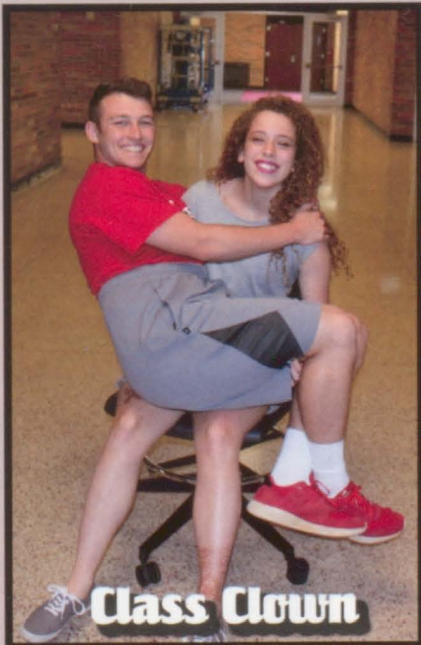
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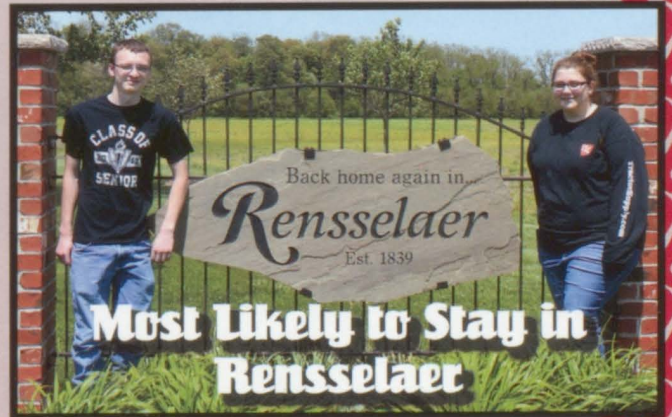
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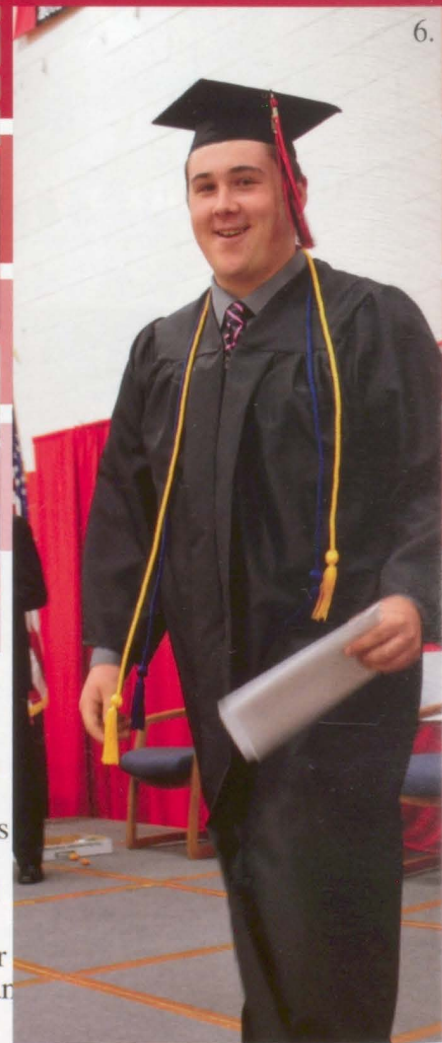
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1) The Class of 2017 gathers for the last time outside RCHS and celebrates graduation by throwing their caps. 2) **Ricky Shupe** is glad to finally have his diploma. 3) **Robert Berg** shakes hands with Principal Jones after receiving his diploma. 4) **Elaine He** is handed her diploma by Superintendent Craig. 5) Students line up outside and prepare to enter the gym for the ceremony. 6) **Ryan Ritter** shows the joy of his accomplishment as he exits the stage. 7) Salutatorian and Class President **Ava Jackson** reminds her classmates of what they have achieved. 8) Valedictorian **Jacob Hall** gives a speech on saying farewell. 9) The RCHS band plays Pomp and Circumstance as the graduates enter the gym. 10) **Katie Long** and **Levi Kukosh** show their excitement as they enter the gym for their last time as students of RCHS. 11) Students move their tassels as an indication they have completed their high school careers.



# Graduation



"I want you to think about the experiences you've shared with these people for the last four years."

*-Jacob Hall, Valedictorian*

Graduation is always a momentous time for students, parents, and faculty. The Class of 2017 became graduates of RCHS on Sunday, May 28, 2017. After listening to speeches by Principal Jones, class president and Salutatorian, Ava Jackson, and Valedictorian, Jacob Hall, students proudly walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. After the moving of the tassels, graduates ushered outside to shoot off poppers and throw their hats before gathering with family and friends to remember this joyous occasion with photos. The future is bright for these graduates, and we wish them luck on their journey.



**What is your best advice for underclassmen?**



Kesly Spurgeon:  
"Do volunteer work. Otherwise, you won't get scholarships."



Gina Giramonti:  
"Stay on top of your work; don't get behind."



Grant Myers:  
"Turn in your homework, and you'll graduate."





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# The Class of 2017 will be...

  
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Kelsy Spurgeon  
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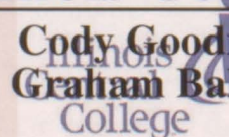
  
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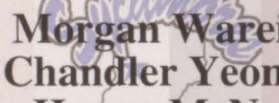
  
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Jonathon Hickman

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Garrett Pinkerman



The faculty and staff of RCHS are here because you are here. Each and every day, administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, and food service workers prepare the school, classrooms, lessons, and lunches, so you can get the best experience possible while in high school. Even though some days school can be tough and you may feel stressed, these adults are willing to lend an ear or a hand to help in any way they can. You may forget much of high school after you leave these walls, but you will never forget the people who helped you on your journey.

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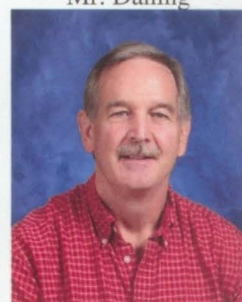
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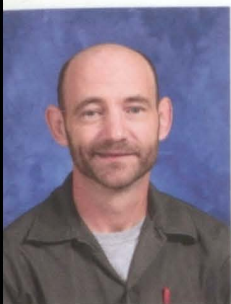


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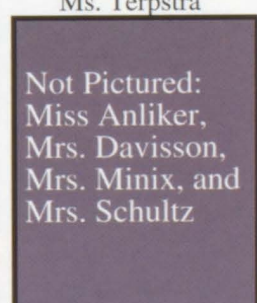
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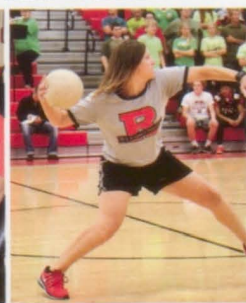
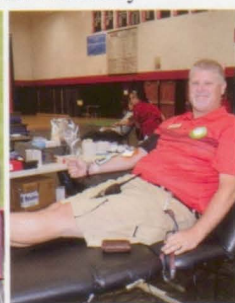
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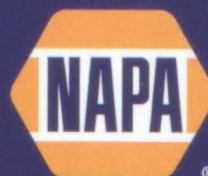
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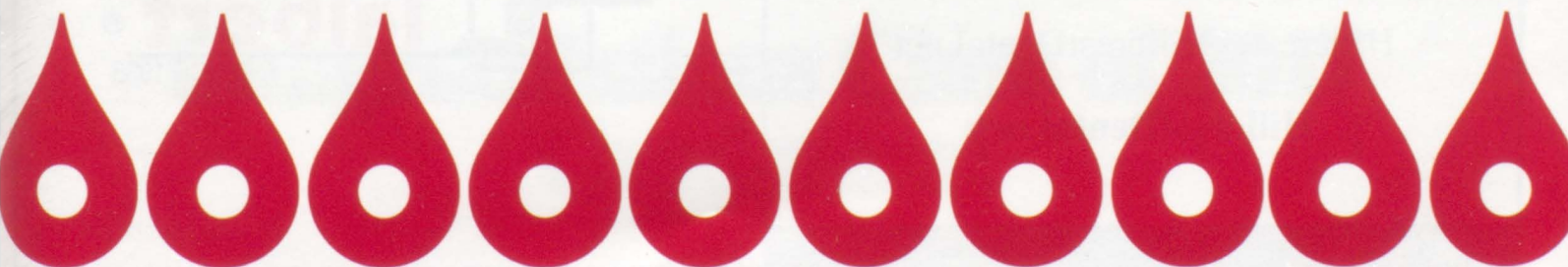
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Tommy,

May you do well, do good, and be kind, as you have been. Congratulations, Class of 2017.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



## Coda Jones

Coda,  
Congratulations on finishing this chapter of your life! You are a bright, compassionate, young lady, and we have no doubt that you will accomplish great things. Stay true to yourself, and remember that we are always just a phone call away!

Love,  
Derick & Amanda

## Hope Manns

Hope,

From your first day of kindergarden to your last day of high school, you have made us very proud. We are so proud of you! We cannot wait to see what your future holds.

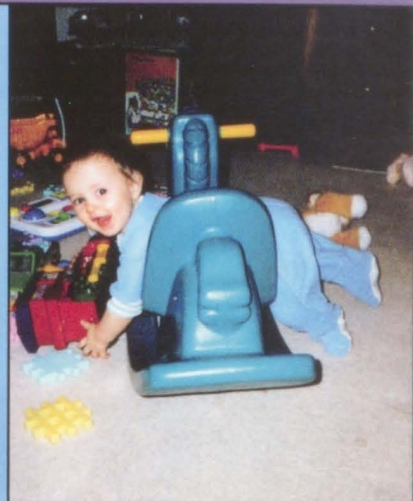
We love you,  
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Mom & Jeff



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Austin Becker - Thanks for adding Chaos to your life and taking over a lot of the pages no one else wanted. We wish you the best in your fishing career and at Purdue.

Autumn Bulington - Thank you for always getting your pages done regardless of circumstances. It was great having you as a part of the Chaos family. Wish you the best in college.

Tommy Gutwein - You were one of the best Business Managers Chaos ever had. Thanks for working so hard and picking up slack where needed. We will miss you, and good luck at Purdue.

Jacob Hall - I'm not even sure how you managed it, but you did finish all of your pages. Thanks for being a part of our family. Wish you all the best at Notre Dame.

Dakota Jones - Thank you for working so hard to finish all of your pages on deadline. Don't let anyone ever bring down your bright smile. Best of luck in college. I know your grandma is just as proud of you as I am!

KT Kem - Thank you for all of your work with the senior pages on top of everything else you had to do. You were an awesome addition to our staff, and we are gonna miss you. You are gonna have a great time in Indy. Come back and visit!



Ethan Morris - Were you even in yearbook? I know, it wasn't your favorite, but at least it beat jewelry. We are going to miss you and your mom's buffalo chicken dip. Wishing you luck and success in college.

The 7 of you added diversity, expertise, and fun to our staff. We thank you for your dedication and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

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